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Two Acres Seared By Grass Fire

It took over two hours and 17 Dysart firefighters, along with help from the Minden Hills fire department, to put out a grass fire that scorched two acres of land at 1035 Cowan Rd. (just off Unicorn Rd.) on Friday, April 17.

The blaze, which has no known cause as of press time, was called in at around 1 p.m. by Jerry Howe. Howe owns a home directly adjacent to the affected area, as well as some of the land.

"I could smell the smoke coming in through the garage windows," he said in an interview with The Voice. Howe was in the shed for the better part of the morning doing some spring cleaning.

By the time he caught a whiff of the smoke, the fire was well underway.

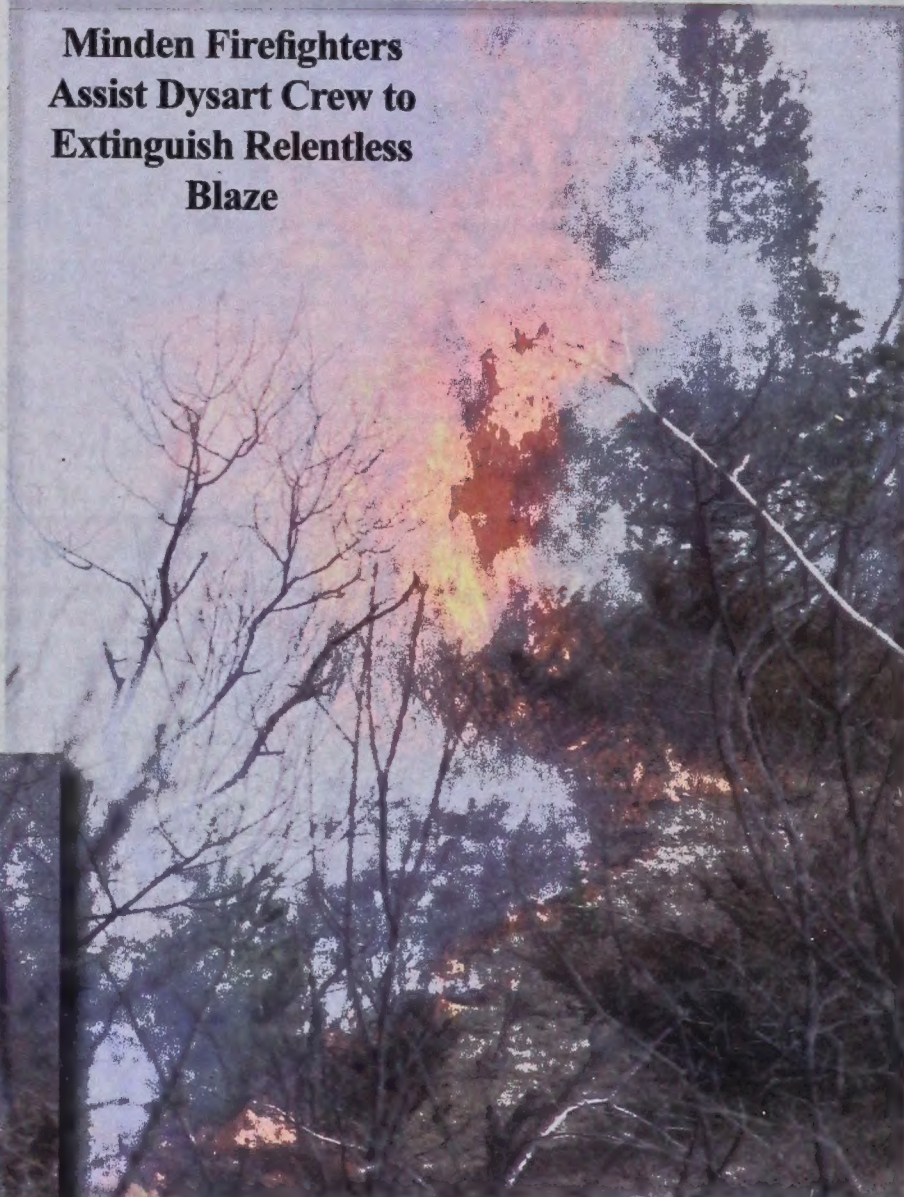
"It went up like nothing," said Howe, a former firefighter of 27 years. "I fought many of these types of fire in my day. They're tough ones to stop."

Howe's friends and neighbours quickly came to the scene when they saw what was going on. A couple of them could be seen filling buckets of water, dousing the vicinity around the home to keep the fire from reaching the structure. Within a few feet of the lower level of the home, sections of grass were visibly singed.

While firefighters were at the scene, a call came in to the Minden

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Minden Firefighters Assist Dysart Crew to Extinguish Relentless Blaze



Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

"I could smell the smoke coming in through the garage windows"



Preparing for the G-8 Summit

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

"The Municipalities will not be made privy to guns and badges information."
(Lorne Mitchell)

hosted by Canada in up to the July 1st holiday. At the time Harper suggested that Huntsville would be an ideal location to charm the Country's international guests. He said that amongst other benefits, it would be a tremendous opportunity to promote the

Municipalities in the County are already starting to gear up for the upcoming G-8 Summit in Huntsville. It may seem a bit early and even overly cautious to some, but the provincial government has started to consult with each of the Community Emergency Management Coordinators (CEMCs) about the ramifications of the summit being held in such close proximity to Haliburton County. And so far, both Dysart et al and Algonquin Highlands are taking a precautionary approach.

Last July, Prime Minister Harper announced that the 2010 G-8 World Leaders Summit would be

cottage country's Huntsville on the weekend leading up to the July 1st holiday. At the time Harper suggested that Huntsville would be an ideal location to charm the Country's international guests. He said that amongst other benefits, it would be a tremendous opportunity to promote the

country's values while offering the region significant economic benefits.

Within several months curious tales were heard and reports appeared in the Globe and Mail of suspicious looking 'city slickers' taking photographs in the area surrounding the Deerhurst Resort where the summit will be held. A National Terror Alert was issued for a brief period of time, raising the question in some residents' minds whether the risks or disadvantages of such an event might outweigh the benefits.

Ernie Hills, the G-8 point person from Emergency Measures Ontario (EMO), says that the gathering of world leaders attracts thousands of people planning to hold any number of protests and that at least 10 percent of the protest groups can become problematic. While the summit is actually a Federal event, EMO is responsible for 'consequence management.'

According to Hills, one of the greatest impacts will happen if traffic has to be rerouted from Highways 11 and 60 to Highways 35 and 118 because of congestion or road closures. The potential also exists for a greater number of larger vehicles carrying hazardous materials to utilize area highway corridors.

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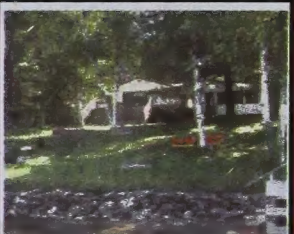
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KUSHOG LAKE - \$489,000

Well built 3 bdrm 2 bath home, with detached dble 24 x 24 gar., a heated 24 x 24 workshop, 24 x 16 carport and a 24 x 10 storage. 2400 sq ft of living space, floor to ceiling stone FP, large kit., immaculate throughout. Full bsmt with walk-out to lake. This home shows pride of ownership with many outstanding features, master bedroom is 14 x 12 with an en-suite, includes all window coverings, power awning, stove top wall oven, plus a sunroom with a fantastic western view of lake. Plus more.

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CRYSTAL LAKE - \$149,000

Renovated three bedroom cottage with deeded access to Crystal Lake. Features: drilled well, heated line, fully winterized, full basement, small barn for storage, dock space available. Great beach. Great for ATV or snowmobile. Large 2 acre lot.

Peter Franzen* 286-1234

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Sounds of Vietnam

Come to Haliburton

Inventive Artists Entertain with Extraordinary Instruments

Mark Arike

Staff Reporter

The 2009 Razzamataz season came to successful and joyful close last Saturday with a performance by Vietnamese artists Bic and Chi Ho, better known as the Khac Chi Music ensemble.

With their unorthodox musical instruments and playful approach, the high energy duo had kids up on their feet, clapping their hands and dancing around at Camp Wanakita in Haliburton last Sunday.

Many of the instruments the two showcased were made of bamboo and included the Dan Bau, a one-string zither from northern Vietnam, and the Koni, which has a resonation chamber that is placed in the player's mouth.

A couple of the instruments featured were actually invented by group member Chi.

One was the Sao Bop, a musical contraption made out of bamboo flutes connected to turkey-baster-style air bulbs. Sound comes out of the instrument when the player squeezes the bulbs, which are held in the person's hands, under their arms and between their head and shoulders.

The other creation was the Dan Quat, which is made up of two parts and resembles the shape of a paper handy fan. Each of the two handheld instruments is made up of four bamboo flutes that

are connected with plastic boxes. This instrument was particularly hilarious to observe in action because Chi had to hit the plastic cylinders off his body to produce its sound.

This entertaining duo has delighted audiences in 24 countries all over the globe. Their unique talents have garnered them numerous awards and they have played at large festivals in Canada such as the Montreal International Jazz Festival and the International Vancouver Folk Music Festival.

Razzamataz Kids Shows are put on annually in the Haliburton Highlands by a local, non-profit volunteer group that has been bringing quality live entertainment to kids for the past 20 years. Forms of entertainment they regularly showcase are from a variety of cultural traditions include music, theatre, dance and puppetry. ■



Chi Ho plays on a long bamboo flute, above, and Bic strikes a pose moments before the show, below.

Two Acres Seared By Grass Fire - cont'd...



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Hills fire department at 2:40 p.m. for a report of another grass fire at a property at Duck Lake Rd. in Minden.

As a result, Minden firefighters left Haliburton and received assistance soon after from Dysart firefighters.

Dysart fire chief Miles Maughan is advising the public to exercise caution when having any fires. ■



THURSDAY



Partly cloudy and warmer

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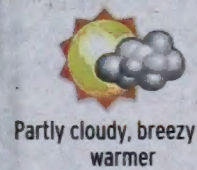
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Partly cloudy and warmer

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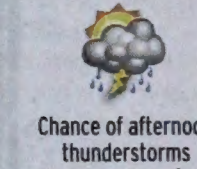
SATURDAY



Partly cloudy, breezy and warmer

▲ 20° ▼ 9°

SUNDAY



Chance of afternoon thunderstorms

▲ 16° ▼ 9°

MONDAY



Mostly cloudy and cooler

▲ 11° ▼ 3°

TUESDAY



Cool with showers likely

▲ 6° ▼ -1°

WEDNESDAY



Morning showers, then some sun late

▲ 4° ▼ -2°

AROUND THE REGION: It will be a bit warmer on Thursday as skies will be partly cloudy with highs in the upper single digits. Even warmer weather will be experienced on Friday and Saturday as a mix of sun and clouds will be seen each day with highs in the teens to near 20. A cold front will move into the area of Sunday and produce a chance of afternoon and evening thunderstorms. Highs will be in the teens.

Your Unofficial Lotto Numbers



Apr. 18, 2009

04 05 21 33 42 47

Bonus Number 24

Encore 7042889



Apr. 17, 2009

05 19 21 33 35 36 44

Bonus Number 28

Encore 6239732

TROPICAL CITIES

City	Today HI/Lo/Otk	Friday HI/Lo/Otk	Saturday HI/Lo/Otk	City	Today HI/Lo/Otk	Friday HI/Lo/Otk	Saturday HI/Lo/Otk
Acapulco	34/23/pc	33/23/pc	35/26/pc	Montego Bay	30/24/sh	29/23/pc	29/24/cl
Antigua	31/23/sh	30/23/sh	29/23/su	Nassau	28/21/su	28/21/su	27/23/su
Barbados	31/26/ts	31/25/pc	29/26/su	Port au Prince	31/23/ts	30/24/pc	30/23/ts
Bermuda	23/16/sh	22/16/su	23/18/su	Puerto Vallarta	33/19/su	32/21/su	35/15/su
Cancun	31/22/su	31/23/ts	29/23/ts	St. Thomas	30/23/pc	29/23/sh	29/24/pc
Curacao	32/25/pc	32/26/pc	30/23/su	St. Maarten	29/24/sh	29/23/sh	29/25/cl
Freeport	27/20/pc	27/21/su	28/23/su	San Jose, CR	29/20/ts	29/19/ts	27/19/sh
Georgetown	30/24/ts	31/25/ts	31/23/pc	San Juan	29/24/su	29/23/sh	29/26/cl
Havana	30/21/pc	28/20/pc	29/22/su	San Salvador	33/23/pc	33/23/pc	34/23/cl
Key West	28/22/pc	27/19/pc	28/23/pc	Santo Domingo	30/24/ts	29/23/pc	31/24/dz
Kingston	31/24/sh	29/24/pc	31/29/su	Trinidad	32/26/ts	31/26/pc	32/26/ts

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today HI/Lo/Otk	Friday HI/Lo/Otk	Saturday HI/Lo/Otk	Sunday HI/Lo/Otk	Monday HI/Lo/Otk	Tuesday HI/Lo/Otk	Wednesday HI/Lo/Otk
Bancroft	8/-1/pc	11/4/pc	20/9/pc	16/9/ts	11/3/cl	6/-1/sh	4/-2/sh
Barrie	9/1/pc	11/5/pc	21/10/pc	17/10/ts	11/4/cl	7/-1/sh	6/-1/sh
Dorset	8/-1/pc	11/4/pc	20/9/pc	16/9/ts	11/3/cl	6/-2/sh	4/-2/sh
Haliburton	8/-1/pc	11/4/pc	20/9/pc	16/9/ts	11/3/cl	6/-1/sh	4/-2/sh
Huntsville	8/-1/pc	11/4/pc	20/9/pc	16/9/ts	11/3/cl	6/-2/sh	4/-2/sh
Kingston	10/1/pc	11/6/pc	21/11/pc	18/11/ts	12/4/cl	7/0/sh	6/-1/sh
Lindsay	9/1/pc	11/6/pc	21/10/pc	17/10/ts	11/4/cl	7/-1/sh	6/-1/sh
Minden	8/-1/pc	11/4/pc	20/9/pc	16/9/ts	11/3/cl	6/-1/sh	4/-2/sh
Oshawa	11/2/pc	18/7/pc	22/11/pc	18/11/ts	12/5/cl	8/1/sh	7/0/sh
Ottawa	9/1/pc	11/5/pc	21/11/pc	17/11/ts	13/3/cl	7/-3/cl	6/-4/sh
Toronto	11/2/pc	18/7/pc	22/12/pc	18/12/ts	12/6/cl	8/2/sh	7/0/sh

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today HI/Lo/Otk	Friday HI/Lo/Otk	Saturday HI/Lo/Otk	Sunday HI/Lo/Otk	Monday HI/Lo/Otk	Tuesday HI/Lo/Otk	Wednesday HI/Lo/Otk
Calgary	3/-3/sf	4/-4/pc	9/-6/su	8/-2/sf	9/-2/cl	16/4/pc	17/6/su
Edmonton	1/-7/sf	4/-3/cl	7/-7/cl	6/-8/sf	8/-2/cl	10/-1/su	13/0/pc
Fredericton	8/2/sh	14/2/pc	19/4/pc	20/8/su	14/8/sh	10/3/pc	8/1/sh
Halifax	9/4/pc	13/5/su	12/5/pc	13/8/su	14/9/sh	12/4/cl	10/2/sh
Montreal	9/0/cl	16/6/cl	22/10/pc	22/12/pc	14/4/cl	7/-4/cl	6/-6/sh
Regina	7/-3/mx	4/-2/cl	11/7/cl	11/3/cl	12/-1/cl	15/4/pc	16/6/su
St. John's	3/-5/cl	9/4/sh	6/2/cl	6/3/pc	6/4/sh	5/2/pc	4/2/sh
Saskatoon	3/-5/cl	3/-4/cl	8/-4/cl	7/-6/mx	7/0/cl	9/3/su	12/3/su
Vancouver	14/4/su	15/5/su	13/6/sh	14/6/su	15/7/su	16/8/su	16/8/su
Whitehorse	6/-3/cl	5/-4/mx	0/-8/sf	2/-9/sn	3/-1/mx	2/-4/pc	0/-7/pc
Winnipeg	7/-2/mx	3/-4/cl	7/-3/sf	10/-3/su	11/0/cl	8/-4/cl	7/-3/pc

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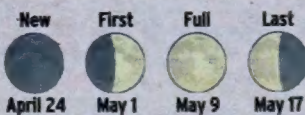
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Saturday 4/18	10°C	4°C	6.3 mm
Friday 4/17	17°C	-3°C	0.0 mm
Thursday 4/16	15°C	-3°C	0.0 mm
Wednesday 4/15	14°C	-2°C	0.0 mm
Tuesday 4/14	13°C	-2°C	0.0 mm

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SUN & MOON

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set
Thu.	6:15 a.m./8:10 p.m.	5:06 a.m./6:53 p.m.
Fri.	6:14 a.m./8:11 p.m.	5:30 a.m./8:10 p.m.
Sat.	6:12 a.m./8:13 p.m.	5:59 a.m./9:29 p.m.
Sun.	6:11 a.m./8:14 p.m.	6:35 a.m./10:46 p.m.
Mon.	6:09 a.m./8:15 p.m.	7:22 a.m./11:57 p.m.
Tues.	6:08 a.m./8:16 p.m.	8:21 a.m./none
Wed.	6:06 a.m./8:18 p.m.	9:31 a.m./12:57 a.m.



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"It seems to boot up okay, but the minute I try and look up something, it freezes on me."

Letter of the Week

Dear Editor:

"Perhaps de-amalgamation is the alternative."

Highlands East councillor Suzanne Partridge, Donna Graham and Reeve Burton voted in favour to get the wheels in motion to build a white elephant known as a new municipal complex just because there is funding from Federal and Provincial Governments. Renovations were done to the existing complex on the exterior by previous council which could have been spent to enlarge the interior. In saying that, I am sure there is enough land to put an addition onto the existing building at a substantially less expense than erecting a new building.

I interpret Deputy Reeve Mackie's comments regarding alienation of outlying communities to mean the so called new complex will be built in an area that is not advantageous for our needs and service. Councillor Partridge made reference to accessibility. The existing municipal, Cardiff and Gooderham offices are very accessible, functional and built with energy efficiency in mind. The satellite offices provide services to outlying areas which is convenient for the residents and seasonal population. Councillor Stoughton commented council had let the people dictate what would happen. Least he forget amalgamation was not the wishes of the people but the provincial conservatives, why should the people be held captive to the system that does not work? Perhaps de-amalgamation is the alternative. His realigning of fire departments into Cardiff or Bicroft and Wilberforce, seeing he lives in close proximity to Wilberforce this would be of benefit to him. Councillor Stoughton may I remind you Gooderham is part of the mix of Highlands East. Our fire hall is fairly new, accessible and serves a vast area of our population and yet you failed to mention our fire hall in your realignment statement. I am sure councillor Stoughton at least should be aware that home owners' insurance rates will increase the further they are away from fire protection, but again this would not impact you with you so called realignment.

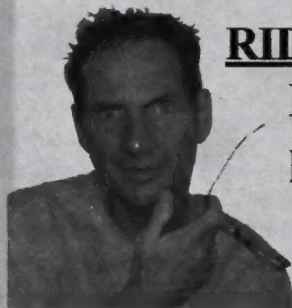
Councillor Partridge is right when she said "we're throwing good money after bad" as this is exactly what council would be doing by building a new municipal complex, which left her comment open for criticism. Then there were comments by Deputy Reeve Mackie regarding water and sewer services. We are fully aware as to the stringent rules and regulations being administered by the Ministry of Environment and costs associated with same. To me any foreseeable upgrading and monitoring would be a priority in relation to a new municipal complex. Just remember what problems the previous council encountered with the water well system in Wilberforce and costs associated with that issue. Seems councillors Partridge and Donna Graham have had a lapse of memory in regards to that issue seeing they were on previous council.

When it came to the discussion of selling buildings there was no exception made to the Gooderham office which houses our Post Office, Library and multitude of other services for the citizens of Gooderham. Will the end result mean GREEN BOXES, all in order to erect a new municipal office? What else does council want to strip away from the people of Gooderham in order to build a power base in their own back yard? The ratepayers of Highlands East which includes Gooderham would be saddled with

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Editorial VIEWPOINT

by Terrance Gavan



RIDE out and passing it on

Disturbing facts about some impaired judgements

The OPP reports 13 arrests for drunk driving thus far into the season.

Disturbing, because summer's still a glimmer on the horizon of that staggered white line road.

Last year the OPP reported over 50 cases of drunk driving in the

Highlands.

The fact that people are still getting in cars and driving drunk should surprise no one.

It's part of the culture. Just peruse the Mothers Against Drunk Driving website, and you'll get a notion about just how entrenched this booze-enhanced, chance-taking lottery really is.

In the last ten years, around 250,000 people died in alcohol related car accidents in the United States and Canada. Drunk driving is one of the largest causes of alcohol-related death in Canada and other developed countries, and in Canada it remains the largest criminal cause of death.

Ingrained somewhere deep within the noggin of every person who gets into a car after a night on the town is some lingering notion that: a) I'm okay; b) I'm okay; c) it won't happen to me; and d) I'm okay.

It won't happen to me. The Teflon mindset is rife, especially in males between 18 and 35 – if you believe the current stats.

It won't happen to me. What's this mysterious it? Well "it" means different things to different people. But it almost always involves a worst-case scenario.

It seldom includes any notion that what we're doing is intrinsically wrong and inherently reckless.

We all have a bit of the Maverick in us. Life is a gamble. Why not?

And besides, what's the worst that can happen?

Last year, three young males enjoyed a few beverages too many at a cottage country golf club, crawled into a fast car and disappeared off an embankment near Bracebridge, Ontario. Three young dead men. Statistics on a rising curve. The worst that can happen.

We tend to forget, in the miasma of wee hours and last calls, that this thing that couldn't happen, all too often does.

Back in Winnipeg, I met two gentlemen who both said it couldn't happen to them. Both were involved in drunk driving accidents where death ensued. Both were drunk at the wheel. Both charged with vehicular manslaughter.

One gentleman Thomas (a pseudonym) was 40, and when I met him he was struggling with the guilt and the recurring nightmares. He was angry. He couldn't handle the fact that he had been singled out to carry this very personal burden. Irony isn't it, that the perpetrator often sees himself as victim?

If you can't get straight with this part of your reality, your chances of recovery rest somewhere between slim, none and nil.

Thomas entered therapy. I met him at the Addictions Foundation of Manitoba. He never lasted.

He used to talk with his fists. Twice Thomas started fights in therapy sessions, always when the subject of drunk driving was broached. He was asked to leave the AFM.

I know he was angry. I know he was bitter. And I know that anger and bitterness is tough to shuck, especially when they are mired in that gooey splatter of guilt and grief. I lost track of Thomas.

Another gentleman Samuel (again, not his real name) I got to know quite well. Sam was angry, bitter and confused when he killed another human being with his car in the 1970s.

He did the only thing available to him. He made amends and quit drinking. When I first met Sam in 1998, he had been sober for 26 years. He had worked with addictions in the milieu of hospital psychiatric wards during his career in healthcare.

He's retired now, but continues his work with addicts and drunks today.

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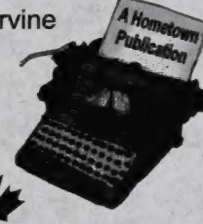
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More Letters to the Editor

“Perhaps de-amalgamation is the alternative.”

Letter Cont'd...from pg.4

the \$500,000 municipal portion of costs for the so called new municipal complex, which by the way could escalate beyond the figure quoted. I guess Council thinks money grows on trees.

What happened to councillor Graham who is suppose to represent ward 3 - Gooderham? She voted for the white elephant, made no comments or asked questions as to the status of our fire hall and office that houses the Post Office and Library. Has she just sold us down the river? As far as funding from upper tier levels of government, there is no free ride.

Yes Reeve Burton you are right when said we'll have a public outcry about it, as you totally deserve it, so your sarcastic remark will slap you in the face. Although Reeve Burton hates reality checks he did campaign on “NO” asphalt plant, open council meetings and “NO” new municipal office all in an effort to ensure he would get elected. I guess one's word is not one's honour. Instead council when dealing with contentious issues, does so behind closed doors, as seen with issue surrounding the attempt to close the medical centre. To add insult to injury council wants more closed door meetings pertaining to the building of a new municipal office. How ridiculous is that! Public meetings are a must where the population at large can voice their concerns, objections and comments. No issue of such a magnitude should be undertaken by council in void of public opinion. It demonstrates by council a lack of regard, respect and dignity for those who will be impacted the most. What an unconscionable act by a council. To enlighten Reeve Burton, the bulk of the municipality's revenue comes from tax dollars. If citizens and ratepayers of ward 3 - Gooderham have a vested interest in their community and saving their Post Office, Library and fire hall, then wake up people. Only 27 percent of the voting public voted in the last municipal election, so I guess less services and higher taxes appeals to those who did not care enough to vote. Reeve Burton is right, times are changing and perhaps in the 2010 municipal election he will find out just how much!!

Beverly Macduff
Gooderham ■

Dear Editor:

“Lack of stable affordable housing creates stress.”

Your recent coverage of the Social Determinants of Health coincides with reports in the Star and the Economist of research that connects stress with childhood brain development in a way that explains the mechanism by which poverty becomes intergenerational. The research demonstrated that children raised in stressful conditions, mostly children raised in poverty, developed limitations in their working memory, the information held in the brain for current use. This led to limited ability to learn and to reason, which laid the foundation for poverty. To repeat the Economist's blunt language, “Children with stressed lives...are stupider.”

Lack of stable affordable housing creates stress. Lack of housing neutralizes many other helpful interventions. Until a family or individual doesn't need to worry about how and where they will live, they cannot give other issues the attention they need to be addressed, and helpers are frustrated in their efforts to improve the situation.

Places for People is a registered charity that is at this moment seeking to acquire a property that will provide affordable rental apartments suitable for families (well reported in the Voice Mar 12/09). The property will provide only two apartments, but they could give 4 to 6 children the opportunity to live the less stressful life they need to grow the brains that will prepare them to become contributing citizens for a lifetime.

Anyone who wants to help should send their donation to Places for People, Box 544, Minden. More information available at www.placesforpeople.ca.

Fay Martin, President
Places for People Haliburton County
Minden, ON ■

Dear Editor:

“There has got to be a better solution.”

When did your ATV season start? In Donald it came at Easter with estimates varying from 12 to 18 of them roaring through.

Apparently, even though I am nearly 80, with an artificial leg, I am supposed to jump out and stop the machines as they round the corner at 50km, wipe the mud off their licence plate and give the number to the OPP if I would like anything done about it.

There has got to be a better solution.

Harvey Clarke
Donald ON ■

Dear Editor:

“The information coming from the township's spokespeople is incomplete.”

I am writing to offer a 'correction' or clarification on a point raised (again) by Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison.

At a recent council meeting, Ms. Harrison confirmed that no trees would be touched on the Mueller property. She said, “Unfortunately, a lot of people are getting riled up. They think their properties will be affected. We're in a bad position now as people have bad information.”

Neither I nor the MBC has ever suggested that any trees would have to be cut *immediately* on the property of the Mueller family on Airport Road in Stanhope. (As if the idea of having aircraft land and take off, and possibly fail to land or take off less than fifty feet above one's roof isn't enough to get somebody 'riled up'.)

People are being given two kinds of information; complete and incomplete. The information coming from the township's spokespeople is incomplete.

To take the Mueller property as an example, trees surrounding their house are roughly three metres below the minimum required clearance level for arriving or departing aircraft. This means that within a relatively short time (and we must assume that the airport will be used for more than a couple of years) these trees will be taller than is allowable, and will have to be cut.

The township, as the operator of the airport, makes a commitment to the authorities and the flying community that it guarantees that the facility will always meet required minimum standards. In the words of the township CAO, “It is *our township's legal opinion* that certain articles within the Municipal Act permit municipalities where proper agreements cannot be negotiated with private property owners both within and outside of the municipality, but within areas of operation of an airport to gain a *legal access to those properties for purposes of maintaining a safe and operable airport.*” (The emphasis is mine.)

So, one wonders when, exactly, Algonquin Highlands feels it might be reasonable to bring this up with the property owners. Just by publicly declaring the intent to build the new runway, the township has damaged the value of properties in situations similar to the Muellers. What do they intend to do in the future?

The way problems have been dealt with by the township so far, has been to deny that they exist and then scramble for solutions, spending un-budgeted money and declaring that the fact that they have gone so far means that they can't be held back.

I do not use the word 'deny' lightly, or without full awareness of the meaning. If it was a matter of 'mere' ignorance, I would pass it off as being par for the course; after all, there has been a fair bit of that as well. Algonquin Highlands has known about the implications of this move since at least the year 2000, when its consultants recommended 'protecting' lands around the airport for future development and operational purposes. They even drafted a by-law for restrictive zoning.

In the area around the intersection of Airport Road and Barry Line Road there are 15 to 17 separate lots where eventual tree control may be necessary. Of these, there are at least four which possibly or probably will require some immediate cutting. Even at a distance of well over one kilometre from the airport property, there are a further two properties which may require immediate or eventual access and cutting.

If the information that will be sought from engineers at Richardson Foster fails to take all of the above into account (yes, this will be expensive and no, there is no provision for it in the budget) the result will simply be more of the same; incomplete information on what is supposed to be a 'shovel ready' project.

One councillor, alone, stated, “I'm still concerned and I don't want to find ourselves inadvertently backed into a corner,” referring to a different troubling aspect of the project's advancement. There is a good deal to support the theory that council is *intentionally* backing the rate-payers of the township into corners – if they can build this ridiculous runway *before they admit that they need to harm peoples' lives and properties*, they can force their will based on operational requirements. You and I would not be allowed to build on a lot behind someone else's house and then claim the right to part of the property for our driveway, would we?

Algonquin Highlands has to stop thinking (and talking) about their proposed new runway as if it already exists, and stop claiming that it has broad support that it doesn't.

Before the council judges the quality of information that others present they should make sure that they have at least some grasp of the subject; it is positively embarrassing to see some of the statements that come out of that august chamber.

Algonquin Highlands has people being paid considerable amounts of money to keep them informed, and that money comes from you and me and the Muellers and ... it is, quite simply, insult being added to injury followed by the presentation of a bill for the service.

Andy Muirhead
Cameron Lake ■

Editorial

VIEWPOINT

by Terrance Gavan

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Why am I writing about Samuel, and Thomas, and those three young Ontario students?

Well, because if it causes one person to stop and think before hopping in that car next Saturday night, it's a very good thing indeed.

Also I wanted to impart something that Samuel once told me.

And he said, “pass it on,” so I'm just doing as I'm told.

On some nights, even 26 years after that accident, Samuel wakes up in a cold sweat, reliving that accident again, the jarring collision still as vivid on any given night in a dream as it was on that day.

“And every time, it feels like I'm there. But mostly there's the guilt ... from the pain I brought to that family.”

I asked him what he did after the nightmares.

“I get on my knees,” said Samuel.

“And I ask to be forgiven.”■

Library Construction Going As Planned



Project Could be Finished Sooner Than Expected Completion Date

Construction on Haliburton's new library is right on schedule, says Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey.

"We're glad that they began work in the winter," said Fearrey. "That has helped to expedite the project a bit."

Fearrey says that construction should be completed by September, but with the way things are going, it may even be sooner.

Work on the site began back in late November by crews from Quinan Construction of Orillia. The 5,000-square-foot library is being built on York St. (just behind the 4C's building) and will replace the current library located on Mountain St.



The building will also house a children's activity space, a meeting room and 70-square-feet of storage space. It will offer at least twice the amount of space for books than the current library.

The project received \$1.3 million in infrastructure funding from the provincial government and a fundraising committee has been organized to raise the rest of the funds needed to cover the remaining costs. ■

G8

Preparations Already Underway

... from pg. 1

Mobilization for the summit is planned for 10 to 20 days prior to the event with at least a week following the summit for demobilization. Any and all available emergency personnel at the Federal and Provincial levels will be involved, not only in Huntsville but the surrounding area as well and there is no doubt that municipal emergency personnel will be called upon.

The province is entering into front ended cost recovery agreements with the Federal government and Hills is recommending that each of the municipalities, particularly those most affected, consider preparing cost estimates for EMO to put them in a position to recover their own costs.

If the municipalities decide to voluntarily participate in a preparedness program, Hill recommendation that consideration should be given to mass evacuation plans in the event of a disaster, reviewing emergency plans for volunteers or groups that would normally be used in an emergency but may not be available given the resources required for the summit, emergency personnel to be on standby even if not assembled and operational, fire department personnel to be on standby, restriction of local events during the time of the summit, public education and communications strategies and training for emergency personnel.

While one would expect that the avenue of the protesters would be directly from Deerhurst through to Muskoka, Orillia, Barrie and Toronto, bookings for accommodations and campsites are already being experienced in the County for that time period giving indications that communities in Haliburton County will be affected.

Both Dysart and Algonquin Highlands have prepared draft budgets of anticipated costs and have agreed they will submit these budgets to the government. According to Mitch Ogrady, the alternate CEMC in Algonquin Highlands, these budgets will be adjudicated by the federal government and accepted or negotiated, leaving the municipalities in a position to decide next year to either participate in the event or not. However, should the municipalities opt not to participate, their options for cost recovery will be limited to conditions that exist when any municipality is faced with officially declaring a state of emergency.

Fire Chief Miles Maughan estimated a cost of approximately \$25,000 for Dysart et al to cover the cost of some staff overtime, to have fire fighters on duty at the hall for four days plus a number of fire fighters on standby for two weeks, combined with the cost of a public education program.

The Dysart Council considered Maughan's budget estimates and whether or not they should participate. Councillor Derek Knowles commented that he had heard that a camp in the area had already been rented by protesters and suggested that Council should not take the matter too lightly.

Councillor Andrea Roberts said, "Our ultimate responsi-

bility is for the protection and safety of our residents," and after a brief discussion Council reached a consensus agreeing that they should participate in the process and submit their budget for consideration.

The Algonquin Highlands Council considered the risks to their municipality to be much greater than Dysart's, given their proximity to Muskoka.

Ogrady advised Council that after speaking with all of their department heads he estimated costs to provide backup or standby emergency services and to be prepared for various emergencies during the summit could be as high as \$246,000.

According to Ogrady, EMO has suggested that the municipalities should plan for the worst case scenario. He said the standby costs for fire fighters, road crews and equipment represented a substantial portion of this estimate (for fire fighters alone estimates approached \$120,000.)

CAO Lorne Mitchell advised Council that protesters are known to arrive as much as ten days ahead of events like this. Mitchell also confirmed that space in the area has already been booked for summit related activities. Councillor Tom Gardner also said that media corporations had already purchased land to accommodate the three day event.

Mitchell said that there would be anywhere from eight to 35 leaders involved, each one of them travelling with huge entourages. He added that there would be an incredible number of media involved and that protesters would gravitate to wherever the media were set up.

Mitchell suggested that increased traffic and traffic related incidents could be the greatest concern, but recommended being proactive and plan for emergencies rather than being reactive during the summit. Ogrady confirmed that (according to Hill) the province is prepared to provide as much assistance and training as possible.

Reeve Eleanor Harrison said that part of the problem was that there was very little information being made available to allow for adequate planning. In response, Mitchell said, "The municipalities will not be made privy to 'guns and badges' information." Harrison also said that EMO would have to plan for the worst case scenario which would be some form of terrorist activity.

Harrison also commented that Algonquin Highlands could become part of an evacuation area and Mitchell confirmed that "the evacuation route to the east and south comes right through Algonquin Highlands."

Council discussed some of the problems that had arisen during the G-20 Summit in London and questioned the wisdom of holding an event of this magnitude in the Muskoka area. Harrison said, "If I was a terrorist, would I try to take some one out in London or Deerhurst? This is a bit scary."

Council agreed that this was something they should take seriously. They agreed that information should be made available to the lake associations and educational material included with the tax notices warning cottagers that may be planning to visit their cottage for the long weekend following the summit to plan to arrive very early, leave late and expect delays.

The Voice will continue to provide updates on the G-8 summit and related emergency preparedness activities being taken in the County. ■

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More Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Re: Terrance Gavan's article on Chase Thurston

Hi Terry, I haven't had the pleasure of meeting you, but would like to compliment you on the article you wrote regarding my Grandson Chase Thurston. He has had a pretty exciting year and we are proud of him. Emily and I were lucky to be able to see the first round of his two back to back wins. At Tallahassee in 30 mph winds and at 7,000 yards he had seven birdies. At Saddlebrook near Tampa he had five birdies.

It is a tough sport to succeed as a touring pro, but so are all of them. He has a talent and is working hard to reach his goals.

I also enjoyed your articles on Cody and Matt as well as the success of the School Curling Team.

Keep up the good work.

Scotty LaRue
Haliburton ■

Airport Debate In Stanhope Heats Up Once Again

Will There or Won't There be an Environmental Assessment?

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Even though discussions about the proposed airport expansion project during the Algonquin Highlands Council meeting last Thursday were

relatively tame, there is no doubt that the stakes on the project are getting much higher. While the only official act that Council took during their airport report was to pass a resolution authorizing the Reeve and CAO to sign the Building Canada Funding Agreement for the project, there is much more simmering under the calm facade of a project about to proceed.

The Municipality has issued tenders for construction of the new runway with a closing date at the end of the week; the project was officially registered last week with the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA); the Maple, Beech & Cameron Lakes Area Property Owners Association (MBC) is bringing as much pressure to bear as they possibly can on both Building Canada and the CEAA in efforts to see that the project receives a full environmental assessment; the County Council is faced with taking an official stand on the project and absolutely everyone who has an interest in the airport anxiously awaits a response from the CEAA on the level of screening or environmental assessment that will be required before the project can move forward.

During their meeting, CAO Lorne Mitchell advised Council that the tenders for the construction of the new runway will close on Friday, April 24th at 2:00 p.m. Mitchell said there had been considerable interest in the project with 17 packages having been picked up so far.

Mitchell also said, "Federal environmental assessment documents have been filled out and submitted to the Environmental Assessment Agency along with the plans and assessments already completed." Mitchell also advised that work required for the certificate of approval for stormwater management was close to being concluded.

Councillor Carol Moffatt said, "There seems to be a lot of talk about the environmental assessment process." Moffatt asked Mitchell to clarify what would be required of the Municipality.

Mitchell said that as the airport was under federal jurisdiction and federal funding was being provided for the project there is a requirement for a federal environmental assessment. According to Mitchell if the project was for a 1500 metre runway or more a full blown study or assessment would be needed. He said that federal rules may require that studies will have to be undertaken. He said, "We would advise the public on our website that the process is ongoing, unlike the province where there are requirements for public meetings."

Mitchell said, "With our runway being 1220 metres long, the municipality will only require a scan. We have submitted information for review which will determine whether work done to date satisfies their (CEAA's) requirements. We'll be advised if more work is required." Mitchell also told Council that their engineer, Michael Osborne was working on the submission and clarifying certain things, but no more detail on this was provided, or asked for.

Moffatt said it had been her understanding at the last meeting that all that work had been completed and Mitchell responded that the process often called for more specific information (giving as an example First Nations' consultation). He said, "It's all in the paperwork."

The airport portion of the meeting concluded with Reeve Eleanor Harrison saying that the funding agreement from Building Canada for the project was ready for signatures. A resolution was passed authorizing both Harrison and Mitchell to sign the agreement.

Meanwhile, MBC executives have instituted a letter writing campaign and they are urging anyone in the area who has concerns about the project to write to the Environmental Assessment Agency with copies to MP Barry Devolin, MPP Rick Johnson and Federal Environment Minister Jim Prentice.

MBC President Paul MacInnes said, "The thing that concerns me right now about the airport is the feeling that Algonquin Highlands can get by with a screening as opposed to a full environmental assessment. As of this morning I have seen copies of over 50 letters that have been written to the Agency demanding that there be a full assessment including public hearings. Many of the letters are asking that hearings take place in July or August when the majority of the residents, both seasonal and year round can attend."

MacInnes went on to say that he thought the requests to be reasonable coming from people in the area who feel that they haven't been consulted and don't understand the reasons why. "Just to name a few concerns, we have discovered that are a

pair of bald eagles are nesting in the area now. Tree cutting and topping (which will eventually kill the trees) will be required on private property. Even though the airport will not be certified for jets, the Council continues to talk about jets landing. If that is the case they will need de-icing capabilities, but there is no provision for a collection and disposal system to accomplish that."

MBC has also issued letters to Building Canada voicing a number of concerns about the airport expansion project, particularly with the transparency of processes used to advance the project, including the granting of contracts to consultants without an open and competitive tendering process, something that is in contravention to BCF and other federal guidelines.

Commenting on the fact that the project has been officially registered with the CEAA, MBC Director Andy Muirhead said, "Our association has been cautioning the Municipality for several years that registration of the project with the CEAA for a screening was inevitable."

According to Muirhead, the Municipality has consistently ignored this inevitability and has failed to make the appropriate allowances in both budgets and timelines to accommodate the environmental assessment work that he feels will be deemed necessary by the Agency.

The CEAA automatically becomes involved in a project when a federal authority either proposes the project or provides financial assistance to enable a project to be carried out. When it comes to the Agency's review process of determining what level of screening or environmental assessment is required, further review is often deemed necessary if a project is likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects or if public concerns warrant it, as is very much the case in Algonquin Highlands.

While a full environmental assessment includes formal public hearings, even a screening can include opportunities for public input. According to the CEAA website, screenings vary in time, length and depth of analysis, depending on the circumstances of the proposed project and the likely environmental effects including the impact on area residents. Some screenings may require only a brief analysis of the available information and a brief report; others may need new background studies and will be more thorough and rigorous. While there have been indications that the initial review should turnaround within 45 days, it is unclear whether that is a rule or simply a guideline for just how long the review process actually takes.

The agenda for the County Council, scheduled to meet on Wednesday of this week, included a delegation by Andrew Kuzyk, whose trees and property in Dysart will be affected by the airport development. Kuzyk was expected to seek clarification of tier responsibility from the County regarding Algonquin Highlands' plans for his property. Kuzyk's presentation was expected to spark further discussion by County Council and maybe even cause them to take an official stand on their involvement in the airport now and in the future.

Requests for support have been made to County Council by Algonquin Highlands in the past, and even though as recently as last year the County provided a \$10,000 operating subsidy for the airport, no official position appears to have been taken to date. Last month comments were heard from within the Algonquin Highlands Council chambers that there were still hopes that the County Council would see the benefit of the airport coming under the County's wing.

At the time that Building Canada project approvals were announced Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey and Warden Dave Burton were quick to distance themselves from the project. At their first meeting in April, the Dysart Council officially resolved not to support the project or the airport in any way. The Minden Hills Council passed a resolution over a year ago, clearly stating that they too would not support the County assuming any responsibility for the airport. ■

"It's all in the paperwork."
- Lorne Mitchell



Police Reports

Male Charged

(Haliburton, ON.) – Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment have charged a male as a result of a suspicious vehicle call Tuesday afternoon April 14th, in Highlands East Township.

Officers responding to the scene, located the vehicle in a private driveway. The officers had conversation with the driver who was subsequently arrested for Impaired Driving and taken to the Haliburton Highlands Detachment.

Charged with Impaired Driving and Driving Over 80mgs is Jason Wallace 32 years of Sutton Ontario. Mr. Wallace appeared in Lindsay court on Wednesday April 15th for a bail hearing. ■

Drivers Charged

(Haliburton, ON.) – Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment charged two drivers with alcohol related Criminal Code driving offences this past weekend.

Early Sunday morning an officer was patrolling Highway #118 near the Village of Haliburton and had occasion to stop a pickup truck near the Dysart Fire hall. The officer had conversation with the driver who was subsequently arrested for Impaired Driving and taken to the Haliburton Highlands Detachment.

Charged with Impaired Driving, Driving Over 80mgs and two Highway Traffic Act offences, is Jeffrey Harold Brown 27 years of Dysart et al. Mr. Brown will be appearing in Minden Court on June 3, 2009 in relation to the charges.

Several hours later at approximately 3:00am another officer had occasion to stop a vehicle on the Gelert Rd. The driver failed a roadside screening device test and was arrested for Driving Over 80mgs. He was then taken to the Haliburton Highlands Detachment. Pranav Trivedi 20 years of the Township of Minden Hills has been charged with Driving Over 80mgs and several Provincial Offences Act violations. Mr. Trivedi will be appearing in Minden Court on June 3, 2009 in relation to the charges. ■

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Do Cars Need Tune-ups Anymore?

Spring is here, and just like your house may need a spring cleaning, your car may need a spring tune-up. Cars take a lot of abuse in the winter, especially if you live in an area prone to snow, ice and extremely cold weather. It is a good idea to take your car in once the weather starts to turn warmer to prevent a domino effect of things going wrong. If you skip regular tune-ups, and something is wrong with your car, that one malfunction can affect many other parts of your car. Before you know it, you might have a hefty repair bill!

Also, if you plan to spend your spring and summer vacations on the road, it is always important to make sure your car will get you to where you want to go! A good way to ruin a vacation is to end up spending half of it waiting for your car to get out of an unfamiliar mechanic's shop. If you would have used the place you know and trust at home before you left, you could have prevented this extra cost and delay of your vacation.

To avoid this, it is important to keep on top of your regular maintenance schedule. Check your records and see when your last regular tune-up was. If you are due for another, the spring is a good time to get it. You can make sure the car was not damaged by that constant cold weather.

You may also want to have the mechanics check your cooling system. Have them pressure test the system for leaks, inspect all connections, and check the condition of your belts, hoses, and coolant mix. If your cooling system fails, you cannot drive your car. No one wants to be stranded on a beautiful spring or summer day because they didn't have their cooling system checked. Also, have your mechanic check your emission system (if it hasn't been checked in the past year).

Another benefit of regular checkups is that they may prevent you from getting in an accident. What if you didn't get your brakes checked and they failed right when you least expected it? Not only could this endanger your life (and the lives of your passengers), it can also make your auto insurance costs go up, not to mention the repair costs for the damage to your car. ■

Tune-ups

A tune-up is done to your car to replace and maintain parts that wear out through usage.

All cars need regular tune-ups about every 30,000 miles. There are many variations on what should be done at a tune-up, but these services are generally included....

- air filter replacement
- fuel filter replacement
- new spark plugs and wires
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Have you looked inside your car's engine compartment lately? It looks sort of alien and unapproachable like a computer - not very mechanical. Recognize anything in there? Bet you can't find the mass airflow sensor or the throttle position sensor. Did you even know you had these? How about the spark plugs? They have got to be there, right?

Engines certainly have become more complex in the past 20 years with the whole show now run by a computer - the Powertrain Control Module or PCM. To diagnose a problem in your engine, all you need is a \$20,000 device that plugs into your PCM and tells you what went wrong. Of course, once you find the offending part you must cobble up all your patience and a few expensive metric tools to go where no man or woman has gone before. Make a mistake and your \$10,000 engine might be trashed. No wonder the Do-It-Yourself crowd is a dying breed. Meanwhile service centers continue to spring up in order to care for the Do-It-For-Me generation.

As much as the automakers would like you to think their cars are maintenance free, in fact, they are not. All cars still need tune-ups. But the type of tune-up is changing from the replacement of the worn condenser, points and plugs approach of the 1950s and 1960s to a preventative maintenance approach today. Often perfectly good parts are replaced in today's tune-up to prevent catastrophic failure later. The automakers know which parts these are and list them on your scheduled maintenance program.

The preventative tune-up has definitely taken a more ecological twist in the last 5 years. Ask your mechanic about eco-friendly replacement parts or things that can help make your vehicle more efficient and more eco-friendly. ■

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Getting high miles per gallon car is something that the oil companies have been keeping a secret for many years. Naturally, they want us to consume as much oil as possible so it is in their best interest to not share technological breakthroughs that result in less oil consumption. Many people feel this is morally wrong as well as less fuel consumption results in less environmental impact due to emissions; a topic that is not high on the agenda of oil companies.

Owning a gas powered vehicle no longer has to mean spending half your salary on fuel. Many people may not be aware that there are now breakthrough methods that allow the use of water in regular gas powered cars, effectively lowering or even eliminating the need for petroleum gas. With the continually rising price of fuel, this can potentially save one person thousands of dollars per year, not to mention the positive benefits on the environment.

To understand how this works we need to get technical for a moment. Getting high miles per gallon car through the use of water does not involve replacing gas for water in your fuel tank! It is a little more in depth than that.

The idea of using water to run your car is that water vapor is created which effectively fuels the car. Regular gas cars spontaneously combust in the engine cylinder when gas mixes with a spark and air. Running your car on water involves mixing hydrogen and oxygen gases (HHO or oxyhydrogen). When the Oxyhydrogen gas is ignited, the oxygen and hydrogen bond which results in the creation of water vapor.

The secret involves adding water to your car using a kit. This kit needs to be able to convert water to the above mentioned HHO. HHO is also known as Brown's Gas. It is this Brown's Gas that is able to provide car fuel but it needs to be used with gas. The HHO and regular fuel work on two different paths and the HHO actually enhances the efficiency of the gasoline burning, effectively giving you more mileage for your dollar and reduce harmful exhaust emissions into the environment. everybody took up this technology, the amount of gas emissions from cars would reduce significantly. Unfortunately, until this technology becomes widely known and reported in mainstream media (unlikely as the big dollar oil companies would not allow it), people will continue to be ripped off at the gas station day after day.

If you're tired of being a pawn of the oil companies and wish to power your vehicle on your own terms and your own budget, then it's obvious that you need an alternative fueling solution, such as water power or hydrogen power. If that is indeed the case and you truly wish to save money and help protect the environment, then you should visit <http://www.AlternativeFuelingSolutions.com>, a highly popular website that teaches people how to turn their vehicle into a high miles per gallon car. ■

Combat Rising Gas Prices

Not only do regular tune-ups prevent unwanted breakdowns, they also help you save money on gas. Some mechanics estimate that a poorly tuned engine can use up to 50 percent more gas than one that is running well. As gas is by no means cheap these days, why would you want to fill up your engine twice as often if you could have prevented it?

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Keep your tires properly inflated. The proper inflation for your tires should be specified in your owner's manual. If your tires are under-inflated, your vehicle will consume more gas when you drive.

Try to minimize your driving. Try to plan one long trip instead of several short trips. If you can, try to carpool, use alternate transportation (buses, trains, subways) or ride your bike or walk if your destination is nearby and you can spare the time. These are obvious ways to save gas, and they have the additional benefit of helping to spare the environment. ■

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Few topics of discussion have evoked as emotional a response as gas prices over the last couple of years. Depending on who you watch on television or which newspaper you read, the rising costs of fuel either dictated our lifestyle or barely changed it at all.

As 2008 drew to a close, however, fuel costs took a backseat to more pressing issues, such as the failing economy and rising unemployment rates. In addition, for the first time in a long while, the cost of fuel finally began to dip, making the cost of fuel a much less pressing concern.

However, while the cost of fuel at the onset of 2009 was once again back to normal, financial prognosticators do not expect that to last. In fact, many predict fuel costs will rise again by the fall, and continue to do so well into 2010. That said, AMOIL INC., the industry leader in motor oil, notes that motorists would be wise to consider ways to improve their vehicle's fuel economy.

One way to do so without making drastic changes to your lifestyle is to use synthetic motor oils instead of traditional petroleum motor oils. The benefits of synthetic motor

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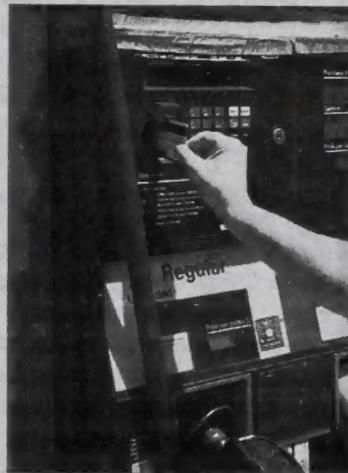
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Even New Cars Need Spring Tune Ups

Even new cars need a tune up to keep them running efficiently. New cars require tune ups throughout the year and one of the optimum times to have a tune up for new cars is at the start of spring. It's important that you take new cars in for a spring tune up after a long winter to ensure that everything is working properly.

With spring, many owners of new cars are looking forward to weekends camping and taking long, leisurely drives in their new cars. Before you do so, you should take new cars in for a quick tune up and inspection to ensure that any wear and tear on your new cars caused by driving through the winter is taken care of.

Driving new cars through the winter is hard on new cars - more idling, temperature changes, salt and sand on the road coupled with other agents for melting ice and snow are not friendly to new cars. There is also the damage that can be done to suspension and steering on new cars from potholes in the snow.

So, what kind of spring tune up do new cars need? There's no specific "have this done" for new cars in the spring. For some, it simply means taking new cars in to have the oil, lube and filter changed and changing the new cars spark plugs. To other people who own new cars it means a thorough check of all the fluid levels in new cars, as well as the tires, alignment and injector system. Regardless, it's important that new cars are looked at before the longer driving that spring allows.

Remember the old adage when taking new cars in for a tune up - an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure for new cars. New cars maintenance and servicing can save you thousands of dollars in repairs to new cars by maintaining them properly and having regular tune ups on new cars.

New cars likely need new wiper blades after the winter months too - swiping snow and ice off your windshield, as well as scraping ice, and banging the new cars wiper blades to rid them of debris and ice has likely damaged them.

Many people who buy new cars ignore servicing regularly because, after all, they own new cars and they are not supposed to break down or require any new cars servicing. However, there is quite a bit of servicing that new cars require, just like older cars do. The more servicing and maintenance that you perform on new cars will mean that new cars will last longer, break down less and stay running like new cars for much longer. A few dollars of maintenance can save thousands of dollars in repairing new cars later.

When you take new cars in for servicing, it's a good idea to do a little servicing of your own. Ensure that your new cars emergency kit is stocked so that if there's an emergency, you'll be prepared. New cars get in more accidents through the spring and summertime than people want to realize, so be sure your new cars emergency kit is ready for anything. ■

Spring Auto Cleaning: Repair the Damage Winter Does to Your Car, Truck, or SUV

Have both you and your car, truck, or SUV had more than your fill of winter driving conditions, roads with potholes and frost heaves, and temperature variations that defied even the best antifreeze? If so, take heart: spring is at hand. Yet, to help your car make the change from winter to spring, some auto repair and maintenance is sorely needed to correct the damage from winter and prepare your car for better days ahead.

Don't Pass By The Spring Tune Up - It's An Important One!!!

First up, it's time to look at your tires. If you live in an area where it was best to put on snow tires, most communities and states require these be removed sometime between April and May 1st.

But even if you have all season tires, this is an excellent time to inspect your tires to determine if they need replacement. While you inspect, look for indications of uneven wear, or where your tread is more worn on one or two spots of some tires but not others.

Uneven tire wear usually signals one of two possible issues: you need to rotate your tires and/or have a computerized tire alignment performed on your vehicle. Tire rotation promotes far more even wear, while alignment can be critical for safe vehicle operation. If you notice a difference in how you steer vs. where your tires move, this is a sign your car needs a wheel alignment. This is especially true if the vehicle becomes downright difficult to steer.

Often, a good tire center will do alignment and tire rotation at the same time for a set price. Some centers even throw alignment in for free when you buy two or more tires at the same time

At the same time, you probably want to do as close a visual inspection as possible on the underside of your vehicle. Even if your car, truck, or SUV came with rust proofing or you had this package added, road salt and other winter driving factors can do a number on both the outside and underside of your vehicle. Rust proofing rarely lasts the lifetime of most cars and you may need to get yours updated.

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As you perform your inspection, look for dings, scratches, loose fixtures, and other issues that could cause you problems down the line. You want to get these fixed before any big spring road trips.

Also look at your vehicle lights to be sure all are operational. Even a small thing like a burned-out marker plate light can cost you a ticket from the police and perhaps marks against your driving record in some states that can affect the price of your car insurance. A dead headlight can make it very hard for you to see even if a cop doesn't happen to see you.

At the same time, you want to look at your car maintenance log. Determine if it is time for a tune up, an oil change, and the all-important drainage and replacement of your radiator/coolant liquid. These are all jobs you can tackle yourself even if you aren't America's best mechanic.

Finally, while you explore under the hood, take a sharp look at your belts and hoses. Anything that appears cracked, leaking, or otherwise damaged warrants swift replacement. Some of these you can do yourself while others you may want to hand off to a mechanic. Yet you will find other Associated Content articles that detail how to do work like changing your own spent fan belt that step you through the process.

Once this critical repair and maintenance is complete, you can drive happily into those warm spring days and nights. You've taken care of your automotive business and you don't have to worry about as many nasty surprises awaiting you on longer pleasure - or work - trips. ■

One of the major benefits of automobile tune ups is driving safety. An auto that is properly tuned up will be less prone to accidents. Statistics show that thousands of accidents occur each year due to driver neglect in maintenance. Faulty brake systems, bad tires, ill-working wipers, leaking gas and exhaust buildups are often the cause for trouble and are easily prevented with routine tune ups. ■

Don't Dread Auto Repair Estimates

See it as a Problem in Need of a Solution... And Some Savvy

First, we hate the whole idea of an estimate because most of us have had the experience of a simple, inexpensive job evolving suddenly into a massive one that costs far more than we expected. Second, even when we do ask questions, the answers we get may mean nothing to us. A large percentage of Americans, for example, do not understand how much of the operation of every vehicle is tied to the onboard computer today. Anyone over the age of 25 remembers owning at least one car or truck they had which had no computer.

We also too often come away with the feeling that we really

don't know what is wrong with the vehicle. We also feel like we have the guess or take on faith that the car repairs the mechanic says we need are indeed what will make it operate better. Finally, we worry like crazy that we'll get a low estimate and then get hit with a huge bill.

You also need the right attitude. For too many of us, we enter a mechanic shop either in dread fear or ready to do battle. Neither of these is necessarily helpful to learning what we need to know or asking the correct questions to get the answers we also need. The former makes it more likely a less than reputable garage will take advantage, while the former often ends up with both sides -

you and the mechanic - on the offensive.

Today, with so many good resources on the Web, such as www.autozone.com, you have many ways to learn more about the mechanics and operation of vehicles in general. You can also use them to learn about your make and model specifically.

For example, when faced a major repair, dig up some needed information from the Web about the repair as well as order your vehicle manual that diagrams everything from the engine forward. It will make a huge difference in some of the car repairs you could make myself, and it will give you the information you need to talk with a mechanic about your vehicles special needs and issues. The results will be worth more than 20-30 minutes of your time. ■

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A few simple car care tips can ensure your vehicle's dependability in the months ahead.

Spring is in the air and drivers' thoughts are turning to relaxing summer jaunts and extensive road trips. But while you're planning your vacation, you also need to think about a tune-up, experts say. After all, the physical state of your vehicle can save you money and cut the odds of a nasty road accident.

With gas prices expected to rise to the as usual during the key summer driving season, good car maintenance now is all the more important. There are things you can do to keep your car running efficiently, and you can squeeze out a few more miles to the gallon.

A vehicle's air filter is very important because it keeps dust and dirt out of fuel system, so if it's dirty it can decrease gas mileage," White added. "Last year, about one in four of all the vehicles we checked need a new air filter — that's a lot of wasted fuel

Many car drivers are traveling America's roads with defective lighting. In a recent check - thirteen percent of vehicles inspected needed work on their left, right or third brake light, while 9 percent of vehicles needed work on at least one of their license plate lights. Six percent had their "Check Engine" light on.

Tires are also important. If they are not inflated properly, it's like driving with the parking brake on. Twenty-one percent of the vehicles inspected by the Car Care Council had improperly inflated tires, and 16 percent had worn tread and were in need of replacement. Another 11 percent of vehicles had damaged tires.

One in every five cars is running around without the proper tire pressure, so it's wasting gas and wearing its tires out.

The thing is, most of these issues are relatively simple and inexpensive to fix. Think of it as preventive maintenance; it's a lot like going to the dentist regularly — it's a whole lot better to keep your teeth clean and go for regular checkups rather than go through the pain of having a crown, or a root canal.

There's a far more important reason to check tire pressure, lights and other parts of your vehicle, like transmission and brake fluids, which can impair driving performance and damage internal parts if not properly maintained.

Neglected vehicle maintenance leads to more than 2,600 of the approximately 43,000 deaths each year on America's road and nearly 100,000 disabling injuries according to the National Car Care Council. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that motor vehicle crashes are the eighth-leading cause of death among all age groups

Keeping a car clean, maintaining it according to a manufacturer's specifications, maintaining good car maintenance records and giving it an "annual physical" can also keep your car in better shape, and maintain its resale value.

Cars are usually the second largest purchase for most people, right after their house. It makes sense to take care of your automobile, not only for sustaining its worth, but for safety purposes as well ■

Have Your Say... VOX POP

We asked people, "What do you usually do to get your car ready for the spring? What sort of maintenance have you had done on your vehicle recently? Is there anything you do yourself to get your car(s) ready?"



Lea Bartlett, Kennisis Lake - "I just took my car in to Curry Motors to get a lube, oil and filter change. I'm not getting my tires changed because I have all-seasons. I have cleaned the inside of my vehicle and got rid of any of the grime left behind from the winter. I always get my vehicle maintenance work done locally. I'm fine with driving in the winter and in the warm weather. It doesn't matter to me." ■



Lisa Hutchings, Haliburton - "We get the oil changed and also put new fuel into our cars. So far we've had the tires changed and the oil. My husband is a mechanic so he does most of the work. I usually do the interior cleaning, but once in a while we take the car to a professional cleaning shop." ■



Mark Thompson, Gelert - "I take my cars in for maintenance, the changing of snow tires and get an oil change. I get it all done at a local garage. I also give my vehicles a good spring cleaning to get rid of the grime caused by the winter. Thank God it's spring! One thing I need to do soon is have the tires changed on my van." ■



Nancy Stinson, Haliburton - "I usually have the tires changed and get an oil change. I haven't taken my winter tires off just yet because you never know with this weather we've been getting. Usually I get a new car every three years, but I'm happy with the one I have now so I think I'll be keeping it. I get my maintenance work done locally." ■

Avoid Auto Breakdowns

Your car probably receives less attention than it should. Regular maintenance checks and simple service can greatly reduce the cost of car ownership and help avoid breakdowns.

Most of the car maintenance tips, checks and services described here can be done at little or no cost. Best of all, they are quick and easy to do and they can save time, money and inconvenience down the road. Always refer to your owner's manual when performing any maintenance task on your vehicle.

Check the antifreeze/coolant level weekly. Some cars have transparent reservoirs with level markings. Fill to level marking with 50/50 solution of antifreeze and water. Caution: Do not remove the pressure cap when engine is hot.

Inspect belts and hoses monthly. Replace worn, glazed or frayed belts. Tighten them when more than 1/2" of slack can be depressed between the pulleys. Vehicles with spring loaded belt tensioners require no adjustment. Replace bulging, rotten, or brittle hoses and tighten clamps. If a hose looks bad, or feels too soft or too hard, it should be replaced.

Check transmission fluid monthly with engine warm and running, and parking brake on. Shift to drive, then to park. Remove dipstick, wipe dry, insert it and remove it again. Add the approved type fluid, if needed. Do not overfill!

Check oil every other fill up. Remove the dipstick, wipe it clean. Insert it fully and remove it again. If it is low, add oil. To maintain peak performance, change oil every 3,000 miles or 3 months, whichever comes first. Replace oil filter with every oil change.

Check the air filter every other month. Replace it when it's dirty or as part of a tune-up. It is easy to reach, right under the big metal "lid" in a carbureted engine; or in a rectangular box at the forward end of the air duct hose assembly.

Check brake fluid monthly. First, wipe dirt from the brake master cylinder reservoir lid. Pry off the retainer clip and remove the lid or unscrew plastic lid, depending on which type your vehicle has. If you need fluid, add the approved type and check for possible leaks throughout the system. Fill to mark on reservoir. Caution: Do not overfill.

Keep windshield washer fluid reservoir full. When topping off, use some windshield washer fluid on a rag to clean off the wiper blades. In winter months, pay attention to the freezing point of the washer fluid.

Use extreme caution when handling a battery since it can produce explosive gases. Do not smoke, create a spark or light a match near a battery and always wear protective glasses and gloves. Have it checked with every oil change. Cables should be attached securely and be free of corrosion. If battery has filler holes, add only clear, odorless drinking water.

Check power steering fluid level once per month. Simply remove the reservoir dipstick. If the level is down, add fluid and inspect the pump and hoses for leaks. ■

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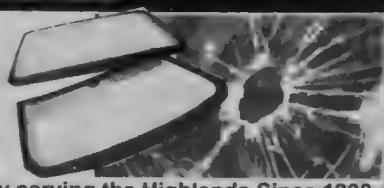
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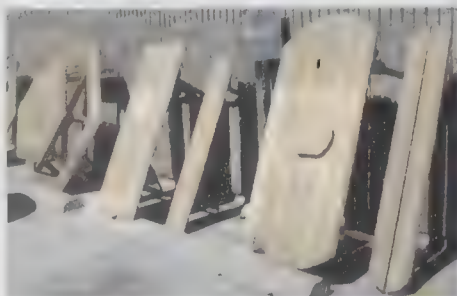


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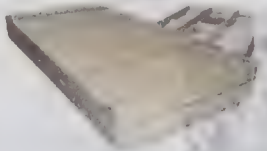


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New Building Canada Intake Shakes up Municipalities

Algonquin Highlands Preparing Four Separate Submissions

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

At their meeting last Thursday, the Algonquin Highlands Council considered projects that would meet the conditions of the Building Canada Fund, and best suit the needs of their taxpayers. After much consideration Council prioritized four projects and staff in all departments are scrambling to prepare proposals for Council's final review and acceptance at a special meeting on the morning of April 29th.

Council's actions are in response to a joint Federal and Provincial government announcement that the second intake of the Building Canada Fund (BCF) was being launched. There are several new components under BCF aimed at 'shovel ready' projects that must be completed within the next two years or green infrastructure projects that focus on sustainable energy. This is music to the ears of many municipalities, but as always these government announcements don't come without headaches or strings attached.

The biggest problem is that the announcement was made in mid April and the deadline for applications for this new intake is May 1st.

While municipalities across Canada have been prepared for these announcements and are aware that most of the projects must be shovel ready, it is all that some of the smaller municipalities can do to complete the projects they have underway at the present time. Many of the municipalities have a schedule of projects they would like to do, but are they actually ready to go?

In addition, Councils all have to wrestle with the fact that, while they may never again have the opportunity to take advantage of so much infrastructure money, they also have to come up with their share of project costs. Reserve funds that have been carefully accumulated over the years have been depleted by projects approved under the first intake of infrastructure applications.

If the money isn't available in municipal reserves, Councils are faced with borrowing. To facilitate this a new federal Municipal Infrastructure Lending Program will make up to \$2 billion dollars available over the next two years in direct, low-cost loans to municipalities through the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. This is not always considered to be the best option however, as evidenced at the Algonquin Highlands meeting earlier in the month when their Treasurer advised that borrowing from the CIBC was not only an easier process, but the interest rates were lower.

The Building Canada Plan, established in 2007 was designed to provide a long term commitment to infrastructure investments, but this year the downturn in the economy has caused the Federal Government to take a number of steps to accelerate the plan. These include making changes to the Navigable Waters Protection Act and changing the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act that will exempt many projects from environmental review or at least reduce duplication in the review process. There is little doubt these changes aimed at stimulating the economy will result in problems down the road.

Finally the federal and provincial governments have streamlined the project application review and approval process, accelerating federal approvals in some cases by up to twelve months.

Municipalities will also be eligible to apply for funding for as many as three separate projects under a new Stimulus Funding program aimed at getting shovels in the ground for projects that can be completed within the next two years.

While the focus of this Stimulus Fund (which is targeted at municipalities with a population of less than 100,000) is to rehabilitate existing assets, new construction is also eligible under eleven different project categories ranging from water and waste water infrastructure, public transit and disaster mitigation to cultural projects, municipal buildings and parks and trail development. When applying under this fund, municipalities must attest that the project would not have been completed within the next two years without federal funding.

Under the BCF Communities Component there are 18 project categories that now include recreation projects. Only one project application can be submitted by each municipality for each intake of this component of BCF.

In consultation with their Manager of Operations, Brian Whetstone, the Algonquin Highlands Council considered their first priorities to be their road system and rehabilitation of the McClintock Sewage Lagoon. Whetstone advised Council that their five year roads needs study recommends continuing to improve the roads. He spoke of the amount of money spent each year on calcium and grading and suggested that Council should apply to hard surface all 54 kilometres of municipal

roads.

According to estimates by Whetstone, Council's portion of this project would cost as much as \$1.26 million dollars. As there are insufficient funds in reserves to do the work, it will be necessary to borrow the funds to complete the work.

Whetstone also said that the McClintock lagoon was in desperate need of rehabilitation and that best estimates suggest a cost of approximately \$120,000. He said he had been investigating this project and would be sending samples off for analysis right away. He also noted that there are funds in reserves that would cover the municipality's portion of the costs for the lagoon project.

Other projects that were given consideration during Council's deliberations included improving the skating rink and tennis court in Stanhope and installing emergency power generation in the municipal office.

The municipality's share of the cost to complete road works became the focus of Council's discussion based on how they would finance the project. Council discussed the possibility of only doing portions of the work, but wanted to ensure that they were spreading the wealth and improving the roads in all areas of the municipality. They discussed the possibility of not including seasonal roads.

Councillor Carol Moffat asked if the municipality could bear additional borrowing given the debt being established for the airport project. Discussion on their overall debt load and financing options was of considerable concern to a number of Council members.

Councillor Diane Griffin said, "I'm concerned about crippling ourselves with pay back of these amounts."

CAO Lorne Mitchell said that at the present time the municipality budgets at least \$300,000 each year toward road improvements. He also said that he wanted to be very cautious with the use of reserves.

Mitchell said, "There is a way to do this without increasing the budget, but Council must be prepared to allocate that same amount for the next four years." According to Mitchell if Council continues to make the same allocation to roads, the additional debt load would be paid back after four years.

Council finally agreed that staff should proceed to prepare submissions for the four projects. A combined rink and tennis court project will be submitted under BCF and the roads, lagoon and emergency power generation will be prepared for submission under the Stimulus Fund.

Council will meet on the 29th of April to review the work of staff and formally approve the submissions.

Dysart et al's Reeve Murray Fearrey says that downtown revitalization continues to be a priority for his Council and substantial work is required on curbs, sidewalks and storm sewers. In addition, their roads needs study also details a number of priority projects. Fearrey says that he hopes Council can reach a consensus on what to apply for and their decision can be ratified by a resolution at their first meeting in May.

Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton said that at this point their focus is on roads. Burton said there is one road in particular in the municipality that is high maintenance and he'd like his Council to give it consideration. The Highlands East Council's next meeting falls just days prior to the BCF deadline.

Minden Hills' department heads were scheduled to meet early this week to look at priority projects for ratification by Council at a later date.

The County has already prepared a priority list of road projects including a combined road and bridge project on Highway 648 through Wilberforce, replacement or rehabilitation of the Dark Lake Bridge structure and work on approximately 14 kilometres of County Road 21. In addition, work at Eagle Lake on County Roads 6 and 14 are shovel ready.

While concern was voiced at one of the recent Roads Committee meetings about funding these projects, County Council have generally agreed that there will be no better opportunity to cost share these projects and are prepared to either utilize existing reserves or do some short term borrowing. Another priority that has been identified at the County level is additional broadband work. County Council was expected to make a formal decision on their priorities at their meeting this week. ■

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Local High School Students Winners at Envirothon Competition



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Marcus Hewitt, Amanda vanLieshout, Karl Kadwell, Kara Pogue, Kyla Suchovs

An environmental competition for high school students, known as Envirothon, was held on April 16, 2009 at Arrowhead Provincial Park in Huntsville with a local team taking the honours of advancing to the Provincial level.

Envirothon is a hands on environmental competition for high school aged students who compete in teams of 5 students on five topics. This year's five topics were forestry, wildlife, soils, aquatics

and biodiversity in a changing world. The competition is provincially sponsored by the Ontario Forestry Association and delivered locally by the Parry Sound-Muskoka Stewardship Network in partnership with the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council and Ministry of Natural Resources.

This year's competition saw 7 teams representing schools from Haliburton, Parry Sound, Almaguin and Bracebridge. Taking top marks from the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School was the enthusiastic and experienced team, Haliburton Gold, led by their teacher, Ron Zondervan. This winning team has the honour of advancing to the Provincial Envirothon competition to be held in Brant County, May 6th - 9th, 2009. The winner of the Provincial competition will go on to represent Ontario at the North America Envirothon Event to be held August 2 - August 8 in Asheville, North Carolina. ■

The 'Princesses' of Cupcake Creations

Fleming Students Turn Hypothetical Assignment into a Real Exhibit

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter



Fleming College student Debra Murphy reveals a couple of her cupcake inspired works of art.

If you were roaming the halls of Haliburton's Fleming College campus this past Saturday, you would have eventually come across a display hosted by two women donning tiaras who were calling themselves "princesses".

One of them was Lorraine Thayer, a student in the Visual & Creative Arts Diploma (VCAD) program, and the other was Jane Burton-Davies, Thayer's business partner at The Royal Cupcake Company, which operates out of Bobcaygeon.

The dynamic duo was at the college for "The Rites of Spring" – a student art show and sale – to promote Lorraine's cupcake works of art and an upcoming exhibit that will be held at The Art Hive.

Thayer, who is in the midst of completing the VCAD program, recently got into the business of making handcrafted, colourful plaster vessels that resemble cupcakes.

So where exactly did her inspiration come from to create these useful, handheld collectables you might ask?

"It's because of the VCAD program that this came to be," said Thayer in an interview with The Voice. "I had been given an assignment to create a sculpture and I decided to try and make a cupcake."

That first cupcake was no easy task, but since then she's managed to get a lot more effective at making the plaster of Paris vessels. Thayer soon realized that she had come up with something unique, something that could be turned into a highly marketable product.

"Each cupcake comes with a candle inside of it, but you can also grow small plants out of them, or use them as a holder for jewellery, candy or car keys," she explained.

In her VCAD program, Thayer was part of a group assignment in which the group was asked to create a hypothetical art show. After discussing their ideas they decided to turn fiction into reality.

"We thought that we had a great idea, so why not do this for real?" said Thayer.

The group, which includes other artists Deborah Murphy, Jessica Blackett and Darby Bayly, made an application to The Art Hive to have their "Sweet Tooth" show put up for two-week exhibit. Their idea was accepted and they received a perfect mark on the assignment (35/35) from their professor.

Though Thayer has made all of the cupcakes that will be on display from Friday, April 24 – Thursday, May 7, other group members used their own individual artistic abilities to incorporate the cupcake into their pieces.

The opening reception for this "multi-sensory celebration of the cupcake" will take place tomorrow evening at The Art Hive from 7 – 9 p.m.

Desserts at the opening reception will include real, edible cupcakes, served with milk and other goodies. The event is open to art (and cupcake) lovers of all ages.

And if you're wondering why Thayer and Davies want to be known as princesses it's because they don't want to be referred to as the president and vice president of their cupcake-making castle.

"We didn't want one person to be the president and the other vice president, because then we're not equals," explained Thayer. "So we decided on having a little fun and calling ourselves princesses." ■



Beware of the "Chickenpox"! Glassblowing student Aden Spurr and his one-of-a-kind, handmade chicken claw sculptures.



Lorraine Thayer and her business partner Jane Burton-Davies will be bringing these colourful cupcakes and more to the Art Hive tomorrow at the opening of a new exhibit.

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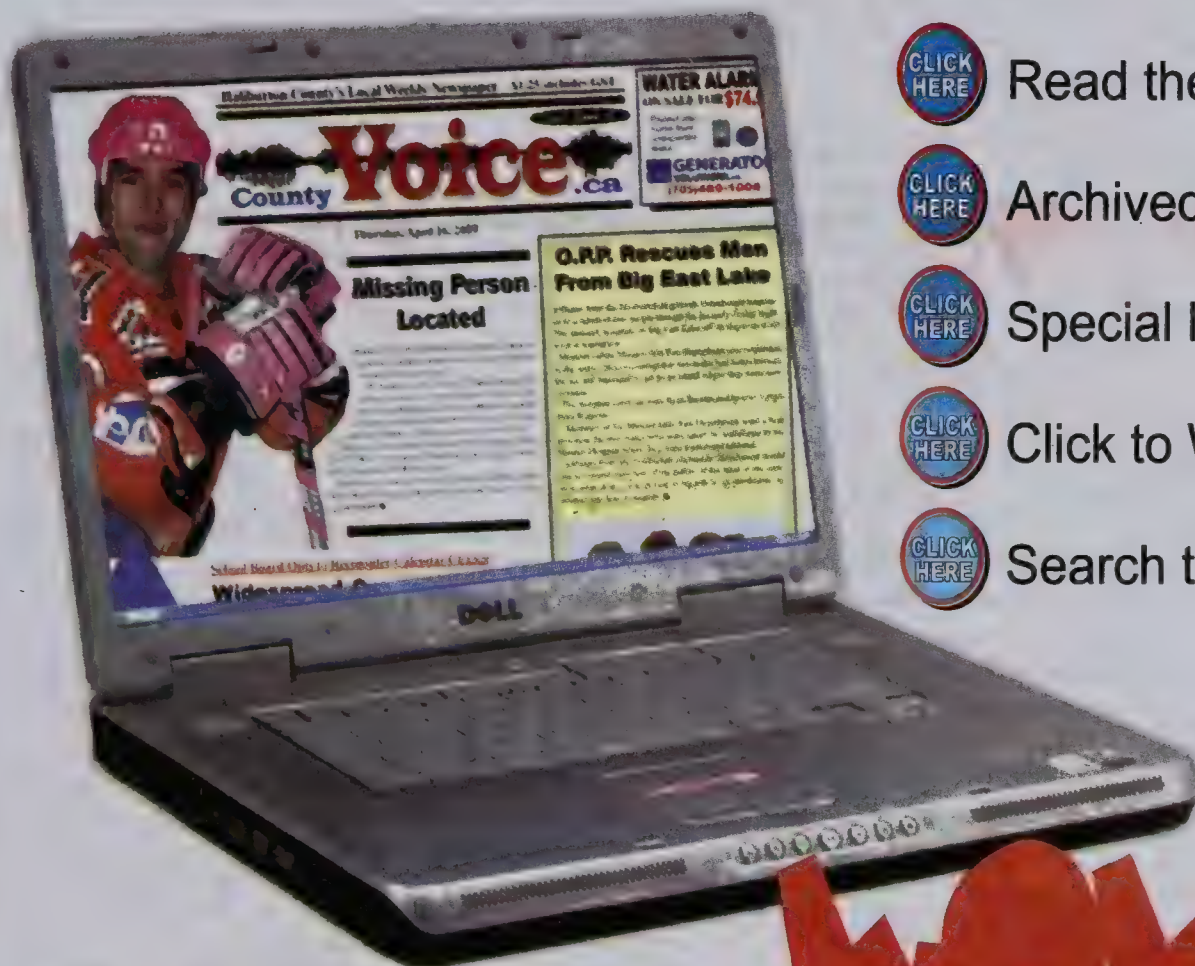
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A missing person from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment has been located after a search by the detachment and the public. The person was located on the north shore of Lake Huron, near the town of Orillia.

O.P.R. Rescues Men From Big East Lake
Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment responded to a report of two people trapped in a vehicle. The vehicle was stuck in the mud on the north shore of Lake Huron. The officers successfully rescued the two men and the vehicle.

Widespread Concern Raised Over Impact Of Early School Start Date On Economy and Students
This is the overwhelming response from the public about a proposed change to the 2009-2010 school year calendar. The Haliburton School Board is considering a change to the start date of the school year.

Disagreement Over Infrastructure and Buildings
The Haliburton District Board is considering a change to the infrastructure and buildings of the district. The board is divided on the issue.

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Making Time to Talk

Parents and Caregivers Get Tips On Guiding Children During Adolescence

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

"Teens are developing in a number of different ways." - Karen Pettinella, Public Health Nurse for the HKPR.

What would you do if you caught your child under the influence of alcohol or an illegal drug? Or say you happen to see them giggling at the computer with a friend, but find out their laughter isn't a reaction to a funny image or video.

These were a couple of scenarios that parents were confronted with on Wednesday, April 15, at the Cardiff Elementary School during "Time to Talk" – an informative session on drug and alcohol use and healthy sexuality amongst teens.

Since teens get a lot of their information from friends, the media and often unreliable sources, it's important that parents and other caregivers help provide them with the facts, or go along and help them find the answers they are looking for.

This message was one that was agreed upon by all of the presenters at the event, hosted by the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPR).

"Teens are developing in a number of different ways," explained Karen Pettinella, Public Health Nurse for the HKPR. "Their thinking is developing, physically they are growing, their hormones are changing and they are building their own identities and definitions of what their families and peers mean to them. With all that, their attitudes and behaviours are changing as they become young adults."

Pettinella opened up her presentation with a video that placed emphasis on the importance of communicating effectively with your child as they develop into their teen years. In the short film, two scenarios were shown.

The first depicts a mother who doesn't interact with her daughter enough, finds marijuana in her child's possession by rifling through her personal belongings and finally confronts her about it with a negative approach.

The other clip shows an understanding mother, one who engages in positive conversations and activities with her child and thinks before reacting when finding out about her child's drug use.

Pettinella explained that as children begin to grow out of their pre-teen years (11-13), they begin to go through several changes and are in the stage of developing their own identity. It's also once they reach those teen years (14-17) that they are more likely to take risks and experiment.

"It's a reality that teens will take risks. They'll take risks and experiment with tobacco, with alcohol, cannabis or other drugs," she said. "What I want to point out is that experimentation in those early ages can have a really significant affect on their lives."

Pettinella pointed out that early use could adversely affect teens in their physical, mental and emotional development, as well as increase their chance of having problems with substance abuse later on life.

"If they start getting used to coping with problems or issues that they have by turning to alcohol or drugs, which sets up habits for their future life as adults. These are things you want to be aware of as parents," she said.

To show how the likelihood of risky behaviour increases with age, Pettinella revealed statistics from the Ontario Student Drug Use and Health Survey (OSDUHS) conducted in 2007. In the survey, students in Grades 7 and 12 were asked about alcohol use, binge drinking, cannabis and tobacco use.

The results showed that alcohol was the substance most commonly used by teens. For example, 28 per cent of students in Grade 7 admitted to trying alcohol within the past six months, but by Grade 12, 83 per cent had tried it. Only four per cent of Grade 7 students said they were binge drinkers, but in the twelfth grade that percentage had jumped to 48 per cent.

"There a couple of things that you can pull out of this information," said Pettinella. "One is that 'not everyone is doing it', but there's also an increasing percentage of students who are experimenting with drugs as they grow in their teen years."

That's why Pettinella says it's important to inform teens early on about the risks associated with the use of alcohol and drugs.

"As parents you should be their guide along the way," she said.

Pettinella's presentation also covered: the reasons as to why teen's try/use drugs; how to be a positive role model as a parent; tips for staying close to your child; how to be aware of the signs of substance abuse; and tips on how to get through the road blocks.

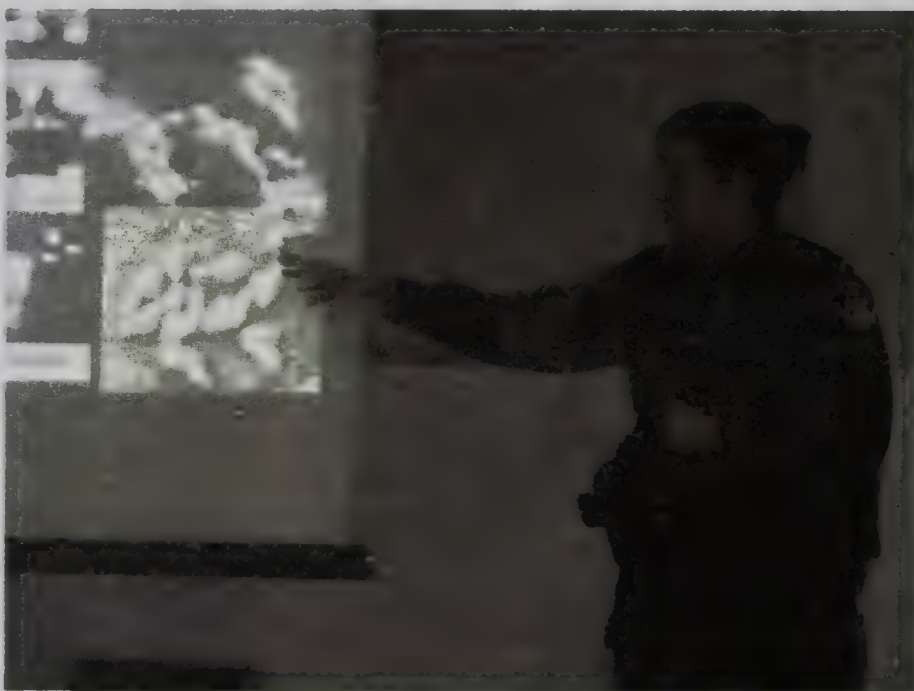
Bancroft OPP Const. Susanne Cox spoke about some of the most common illegal drugs that are available to teens in the area. She also touched on the dangers and consequences of using them.

"Marijuana is the main drug we see being used in the community," said Cox. "That's not to say the other drugs aren't out there either. We do deal with crack and cocaine in the community, but not as much as marijuana."

Cox said that in her previous experiences speaking to kids, she has found that many are mis-



Pictured left to right: Bancroft OPP Const. Susanne Cox; Wanita Livingstone, Healthy Kids Coordinator for the Family Health Team; Elaine Fournier, Principal of the Cardiff and Wilberforce Elementary Schools; Tricia McCarthy, Addictions Counsellor for FourCAST Addictions Services; and Karen Pettinella, HKPR Public Health Nurse.



OPP Const. Susanne Cox describes what some of the Schedule I drugs look like.

informed about the drug laws in Canada.

"I always have fun when I talk with kids in schools about laws, because everything they get is from television in the U.S. So they're not really in tune with what is going on Canada," she said.

In Canada drugs are governed under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (the country's federal drug control statute).

"The stuff that you get from the drugstore and the illegal drugs are all governed under this act," explained Cox.

As well as showing what the drugs look like, Cox gave an overview of paraphernalia that are used to consume substances.

"Some parents aren't aware of the devices that kids are using to get drugs into their system," she said. "They may buy pipes or make pipes, out of items like soda cans, to get the drugs into their system."

Cox also warned parents about the misuse of prescription pills by recounting an incident that occurred at an elementary school in Bancroft.

"There were three kids who were acting unusual. When we got to the bottom of what was going on we found out that each one of the boys had taken a 50 mg morphine pill," said Cox, adding, "so if you think kids aren't taking these prescription pills, think again. They are when they get their hands on them."

Cox said that prescription pills have become one of the fastest growing abused drugs in Ontario in the past few years.

"OPP officers, both in uniform and in drugs units, are routinely seizing more pills every year. When you hear the term 'narcotics' in OPP press releases, these are drugs that we are taking from people."

According to statistics that Cox provided, there has been a 600 per cent increase in the seizures of prescription pills between 2003 and 2007. Some of the common prescription pills being abused are opiate-based, morphine derivatives and include: Percodan, Percocet, Dilute, Oxycodone and Oxycontin.

Since many of these are time-release pills, an added danger is posed to those who ingest them in an unconventional way.

"Some of the kids are actually taking them orally, but the kids who are abusing them more often are crushing them and inhaling them," said Cox. "Inhaling a drug is the quickest way to get it into your system. So instead of it being slowly released in the stomach slowly, it's being inhaled all at once. You can see where the problem is there."

Through the inhalation of these drugs, internal damage to the body is also taking place.

"Most pills have fillers, so when the kids are inhaling them the fillers are going into their lungs and they are staying there," explained Cox.

Another problem is that after constant abuse the user builds a tolerance level to the pill(s). This means they need a higher a dosage to achieve the same high.

"They have to start taking more to get the same feeling because their tolerance is increasing to it. That's why it could be easy to overdose on something," said Cox.

Some of the common side effects caused by prescription pill abuse include: respiratory problems, confusion, dry mouth, light-headedness, nausea, headaches, depression, sweating, dizziness, seizures and loss of cautiousness.

Cox advised parents to properly dispose of any prescription pills they may have that aren't being used.

"Most of the kids are getting these pills from family medicine cabinets," she explained. "Take the prescription back to the pharmacy and tell them that you aren't using it anymore. That's the best place to take them. They will dispose of them."

Other speakers at the information session included Tricia McCarthy, Addictions Counsellor for FourCAST Addictions Services, and Wanita Livingstone of the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team, who urged parents to help educate their kids about healthy sexuality.

Cardiff and Wilberforce's Safe and Caring School Teams brought the Time to Talk event to the Cardiff Elementary School. Every school in the province is mandated to have one of these teams in place under the Ministry of Education's "Safe Schools Act".

Elaine Fournier, Principal of the Wilberforce and Cardiff Elementary School's, said that often times when school staff come together to look at what they should address, bullying is the first thing that comes to mind.

"There are so many things that make a school a safe and caring place," said Fournier. "It's not just about bullying, but there's a whole range of health issues that are important."

Time to Talk was first held last year at the J.D. Hodgson Elementary School.

In Haliburton County there are several resources available for reliable information on the topics that were discussed. If you need some direction on how to obtain the facts, contact Karen Pettinella at 705 457-457-1391 or visit www.hkpr.on.ca.

Nearing a Decade of Drama and Music



Kate Campbell sings Do Re Mi with the cast of orphans from this summer's production of Annie.

Highlands Summer Festival Takes a Trip Down Memory Lane

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

It's hard to believe that it was nine years ago when a few ambitious individuals took \$50, placed the money into a pot and began working towards building what has become one of Haliburton County's most successful, annual celebrations of theatre arts.

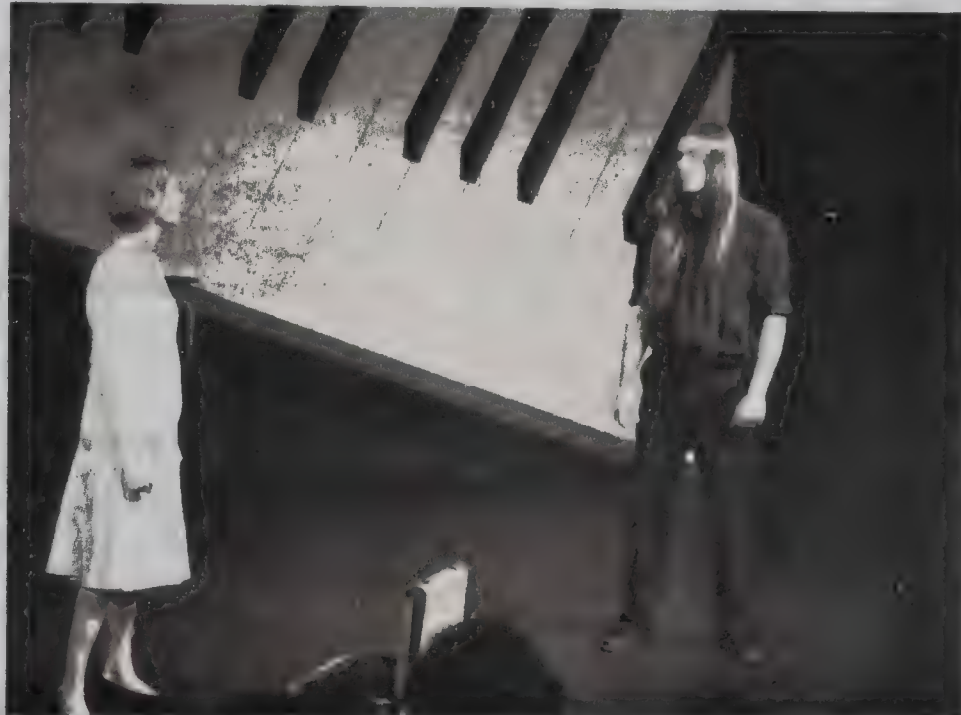
This year the Highlands Summer Festival will be heading into its 10th season of live theatre. As a way of marking this momentous occasion, a special gala was held at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion last Saturday, where some classic scenes from past performances were relived and a glimpse into this season's shows were enacted.

In order to bring some of the classic scenes back to life at the Haliburton stage, local actors and actresses who have since moved away from the area came back to town.

Kate Campbell, a former Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student who crafted her acting skills on the Northern Lights Stage, took a break from her life in Hollywood, California to attend.



Some of the young talent from the festival: Claire Flatman, Jocelyn Regina, Shane Dibblee (back row), Clarissa Greaves and Justin vanLieshout (front).



Kate Campbell hits the stage once again with local performer Ryan Dawson.



Brian Kipping acts out in a scene from On Golden Pond.



The von Trapp Family Singers sing So Long, Farewell, from The Sound of Music.



Chris Archer and Christopher Greaves in the grand finale.



Jocelyn Regina sings from The Fantasticks

"It's awesome to come back to this stage," said Campbell. "This has been a really emotional experience."

Campbell, a graduate of Sheridan College's performing arts program and star of numerous stage plays, commercials and television programs, was featured in three separate selections on Saturday night.

First, she sang "Do Re Mi" from The Sound of Music (2004) with the child stars of this summer's production of Annie. Then she shared the stage with another well-known local actor and performing artist, Ryan Dawson, in a scene from the love story Salt Water Moon (2000). Lastly, she finished in song with the von Trapp Family Singers (Christopher Greaves, Jocelyn Regina, Justin vanLieshout), singing "So Long, Farewell" from The Sound of Music (2004).

Shane Dibblee, Claire Flatman, Justin vanLieshout, singing "So Long, Farewell" from The Sound of Music (2004).

During an intermission in the performances, the crowd of nearly 200 who came out to the event had the chance to bid on auction items donated by local artists, schmooze amongst each other and snack on some treats. A television that played a continuous slideshow of photos taken from shows over the years was also set-up in the foyer area.

Jack Brezina, President of The Highlands Summer Festival and one of its founding members, said that excerpts chosen for the evening were selected because they were good representations of the diverse entertainment that the festival continually promotes.

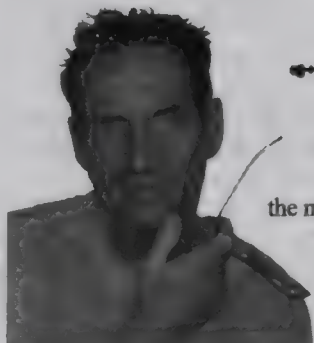
"We were looking for a mixture of items that represented the drama, the music and musicals that we have presented over the years," said Brezina, who added that it was a treat to see familiar faces back on the local stage. "It's like a big reunion, both for those of us who have been involved in theatre and for some of the audience members. There's a lot of back-slapping going on and rekindling of old memories."

Brezina was the emcee of the gala along with David Mills, who is also a founding member of the festival.

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Brian Burke is not the Messiah

But he does know how to hijack a byline



Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

And Brian the Burke sayeth unto the multitude:
"Whose is this image and inscription?"

And the gathered throng of Pharisees and ink-stained wretches respondeth unto Burke the Large: "Caesar's."

Then Brian the Superfluous sayeth unto them, "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's."

When they had heard these words, they marveled, they scribbled, they Twittered and they shot great amounts of video footage placing treasured pearls of Brawny the Brian's blather unto Youeth Tube.

Columnists swooned, the multitude was hushed and the babbling Pharisees then left Brian, Tweeting, texting, and eulogizing along the way.

News spread swift in Toronto, the chosen city, and Leaf Nation rose as one saying:

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty Burke, The everlasting, Brian the Brain, The Prince of Peace."

Whoa!

Hold on here just a minute.

Prince of Peace?

Brian Burke?

Call St. Peter.

We need a rewrite!

All this verbal detritus is overkill.

He had us at "hello."

The rest is just trash talk and hyperbole.

I hate to spoil the party.

And pardon me if I am not quite so enamored of the Leaf's newest savior, Brian the Beloved, the little engine that could. "I think I can!"

Brian Burke is not the Messiah. "I think I am!"

Heck, Brian Burke is not even Punch Imlach, who like Burkey the Lame, was not without his detractors.

I know the Messiah.

He follows me on Twitter.

He too has his doubts about Brian of Blarney's chances in T Dot.

I tweeted the Messiah just last week, after Burkey's stellar and stunning (stunned?) season-ending press conference.

I Twittered, "Hey big G ... what about this guy Burke, the Leaf's new GM and President ... People are saying he's the real deal?"

Back came the big Guy's Tweet: "Ye shall know me by my deeds. Terrance giveth thy noggin a knocketh. You bag of hammers. Thou shall have no other gods before me."

Ah, behold, the beauty of Twitter. Succinct, terse, no nonsense.

Almost like Brian the Burke. He of Harvard Law, and Anaheim,

with pit stop in Van City.

He woneth nothing in Van City. He garnered Grail in Anaheim.

No one is convinced that he didn't gain Grail from the fine auspices of that good Senator, Brian Murray, the Lisp that Roars.

Don't ever mention this to Brian.

He will pick you up and shake you like a Terrier on a rat.

He did just that with a few of his front office staffers and many of the existing Leaf players at his season-ending rant.

The words literally flew from the Brian of Brawn's motivational maw at that presser.

Concerned with the nonchalance of "certain people" in the Leaf's front office, Burkey dropped the hammer on D-Day.

"That should be a day of infamy. ... That should be a day when everyone is pissed off."

Burkey may always be just a juke and a jive from despondency, but he sure knows how to hijack a headline.

On a day when North America was girding for the playoffs and Leafs' players were busy shopping for new Taylor Made drivers - and a patch of green in the Muskokas - Brian was busy writing the Gospel according to Burke.

"A player's here long enough, he starts thinking, 'I'm special, because there's 20 people who want to talk to me,'" said Burke, a face-wash with a stinky ReeBok glove aimed at some of the Leaf's everindulgent underachievers.

"No. They're there to talk to whoever comes off the ice with a Maple Leafs uniform on. And I think players confuse their role on a team that's struggling with being a good hockey player. 'Oh, I'm on the second power-play unit. I must be a good hockey player.' No. We don't have a very good team, and so you get that ice time."

They don't teach this lovey-dovey rhetoric at Dr. Phil's School of Piety and Good Karma.

They teach this stuff third year at Harvard Law, in Moot Court.

Moot in this case referring also to the Leaf underachievers, who better shut up and lie low, lest the axe fall on their apparently swelled melons.

More time on the bike and less time on the links for the Boys in Blue this summer.

"This group has to aspire to higher levels of achievement or we need different athletes," said Burke. "That's how pro sports are supposed to work. That's why these guys make the big bucks. And yes, there's been a culture of entitlement here, and we're trying to change that, and we will change it."

Yoicks!

Culture of entitlement?

A nice little rhetorical twist. "Don't paaark yah caaar in Haavaaaard Yaaaard!"

And ironic coming from the man who for years has been the poster child for entitlement.

He's used his bully pulpit in Anaheim to initiate a Jihad against Oiler GM Kevin Lowe, for presumed egregious poaching of Anaheim players.

And now he's run a Panzer phalanx up to the front door of Islander GM Garth Snow, shocking many by offering hidden goodies for a shot at presumed number one pick John Tavares. (See an article on Matt Duchene in this issue for a surprising gander at Tavares's sliding fortunes.)

"We're going to talk to everyone between us and the first pick and see what the landscape is," sayeth Burke. "We're going to see what it costs, and we're going to try and move up."

There is a presumption here that John Tavares is the panacea; the cure; the solution.

Me. I'm waiting for the wedding feast, when Burke the Bland cranks that huge jug of Evian water into 17 large carafes of Beaujolais.

Until then, I'm sitting on the sidelines watching the show.

With my good friend, Doubting Thomas. ■

Highlands Summer Festival Takes a Trip Down Memory Lane



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The format to the Highlands Summer Festival has been similar over the past nine years. Each season usually consists of three dramatic or musical productions with concerts interspersed throughout the run of six weeks.

A group of 16 people - many of whom are still actively involved with the festival today - were responsible for getting the initiative up off the ground in its early days. They all shared a common goal, one that was to have a summer theatre program in place that would foster theatre arts in the community through engaging local performers, especially young people.

Since the festival's inception, many individuals and businesses have contributed financially to festival. These funds have been spent to support many important aspects of the yearly event, including improvements to the theatre itself.

Following the completion of this coming season, a total of 40 productions will have been featured, hundreds of performers will have graced the stage (along with many more behind-the-scenes-helpers) and over 50,000 patrons will have helped to make it all possible. ■

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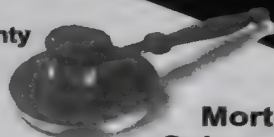
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Duchene Hodgson and Battalion have handle on Bulls

Setback on Sunday but now have 3-1 series stranglehold

Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

The Brampton Battalion continue to impress.

They are currently embroiled in the OHL's Eastern Conference final series against the conference champion Belleville Bulls.

After a 4-3 win on Tuesday night (April 21) they now hold a 3-1 series lead. The prepossessing DTK line of Matthew Duchene, Scott Tanski and Matt Kang accounted for 7 points in the game. Tanski scored a pair and added an assist, Duchene scored a goal and an assist and Kang added two helpers to lead the Battalion to the win.

The Battalion, led by the Highlands' duo of Duchene and Cody Hodgson, jumped into a 2-0 series lead before bumping back to terra firma with an obliging thud last Sunday evening in Belleville.

The Battalion won their first game 4-2 last Wednesday (April 15) in Belleville. Duchene notched the game winner (his fourth game winning goal in the playoffs) and added an assist in that game.

On Friday in Brampton the Battalion won 7-2, but on Sunday, the Bulls rallied at home to take the third game 6-2.

On Friday, the heavy hitting triumvirate of Hodgson, Duchene and the Russian Warhead Evgeny Grachev all popped aplenty.

Grachev scored twice and added an assist, while Hodgson and Duchene each had a goal and an assist.

Hodgson, Grachev and Duchene went one, two, three in the post game three-star selection.

Anthony Peluso scored both goals in the Sunday evening loss and Hodgson added an assist.

Belleville's chances for success in this series seems to hinge upon their ability to ride herd on the Troops' triple threat.

Butler, who was given a game misconduct at the end of Sunday's game, was sufficiently ticked, knowing that there's a big difference between a 3-0 series lead and a 2-1 series margin.

"We didn't play very well in the last two periods, and as a result we allowed them to get back into the series," said Butler.

Haliburton's Duchene was just as miffed as his coach.

"It wasn't a great game for us," Duchene said Monday on battalion.com.

"We were okay in the first but lost the game in a matter of minutes in the second. We need to avoid things like that. That was such a huge momentum swing, and the other team knows you can't come back from that. They played well in the third and made it so we couldn't come back. Good teams don't give up leads."

The temperature of this series went up exponentially in Sunday's game.

Temper flared late.

The Battalion's Scott Tanski received a major penalty and game misconduct for slashing the Bulls' (and Habs 2008 draft pick) P.K. Subban in the right leg at 16:49 of the third period.

Two minutes earlier, it was alleged that Subban had head butted Brad Albert in a scrum.



Cody Hodgson



Matt Duchene

The refs viewed Tanski's slash as payback and issued the major.

Apparently, the OHL reviewed the incident and imposed no further discipline.

"That's not the kind of game I play," said Tanski. "We want to get back to doing what won us the first two games. I've always had a physical dimension to my game, and I believe in clean hits. You won't see that again from me. I don't want to hurt the team and I'm glad I didn't get suspended."

Duchene chalked it up to "playoff hockey."

"We know it's not going to be easy," said Duchene. We weren't surprised that they could play that well. They've proved over the last few seasons how good they are. We need to bring the effort we had in the first two games tomorrow (Tuesday) night."

Butler says that the tenor of this series has just flashed red.

He apparently avoided a one game suspension after his game gate at the end of festivities on Sunday.

"Both teams want to win, and you can't knock them for that," said Butler, who was nevertheless ticked about some presumed liberties taken by Belleville players. "They're the defending conference champions, and we're trying to take that away from them."

Last Friday, the club drew 4,072 fans the second largest crowd in franchise history.

Game four rolled out midst some hefty fireworks and that lovely feel of playoff hockey.

The Battalion were down 2-0 early in the middle frame, but Duchene's goal late in the second period sparked the comeback. Duchene now has 10 goals in the playoffs.

Meanwhile, John Tavares and his London Knights are messing with the karma.

Everyone expected that the Windsor Spitfires and the London Knights would beat each other up in the western conference final.

However last Monday Windsor took a 3-1 stranglehold on the series with a 5-4 overtime win.

Next game in that series goes Wednesday and both Belleville and Brampton are hoping that the Knights can stretch out the series.

Failing that, Brampton will want to wrap up their own series tonight in Belleville. ■



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Matthew Duchene wins Bobby Smith scholastic award

Haliburton's favorite son's draft stocks rise to Number 2 in Redline Report

Terrance Gavan

Sports Editor

Call it brain over bluster.
Call it effort over id.
Call it pre-draft hype.
Or just let it ride.

However one approaches the delicate structure of the NHL draft day sweepstakes, coming to a Bell Center near you in late June, one thing is certain: All is not as it appears on paper.

Redline Report, an independent scouting service nearly every NHL team uses as a cross-checking reference, recently downgraded Tavares to the No. 3 spot in its draft rankings behind Swedish defenseman Victor Hedman and Brampton center Matt Duchene.

"I've always felt Hedman should be the No. 1 pick," said Kyle Woodlief, the publisher and chief scout of Redline Report. "The reason we flip-flopped Duchene and Tavares is due to the fact Tavares' effort level has been underwhelming through the first two rounds of the playoffs.

"Right now, he's the third-best draft-eligible forward on his own team behind Nazem Kadri and Phil Varone. Tavares and Varone have about the same number of points, but Varone is plus-16 and Tavares is even. Five-on-five, Tavares has been nothing short of a liability. His attitude of entitlement stinks."

Ouch.

Tell us how you really feel Kyle.

Haliburton native Matthew Duchene, a star center with the OHL's Brampton Battalion, winner of this year's Bobby Smith Award - given to the OHL's top scholastic player - and a designated top five first round pick in the upcoming June draft in Montreal, is showing up each night, doing what he does, centering a second line and collecting points at a chock a block rate.

He is a gifted offensive player.

He does not suffer from a "sense of entitlement."

Quite the opposite in fact.

Matthew Duchene, by dint of his high scholastic achievement, is making a statement. Like his teammate Cody Hodgson - last year's tenth overall pick of the Vancouver Canucks and a Haliburton cottager - Duchene is using school as tool.

By partaking fully of his scholastic opportunities, Duchene is making a statement to NHL GM's.

A statement that says: "I value hard work for its own sake, and not for what it can promise in return."

When push comes to shove, a lot of NHL general managers like the brain over the brawn - in the first and second rounds at least.

Like Tavares, Duchene has motives. Unlike Tavares, he has intellectual options.

But Duchene isn't mired in doubt. Two years ago he made a decision to challenge himself both mentally and physically, with one overarching goal set firmly in his sights.

A career in the NHL. And when he made that decision it was made without caveat.

Uncompromising, Duchene threw himself to task, heart mind

and soul.

Face it, when Duchene signs next year, he probably won't be texting his high school manuscripts to York University.

His career is mapped, stamped with a solid imprimatur.

Knowing Duchene, he may enroll in some university level courses at some point down the road, but when he joined the Brampton Battalion two seasons ago, foregoing a chance to play NCAA Division One College hockey, he made a commitment to play this Texas Hold Em' hand right to the river card.

The fact that he captured the Bobby Smith Award, the first member of the Battalion to do so, is testament to Duchene's pluck and determination.

And it's part of the reason why Kyle Woodlief of Redline has bumped Duchene up in the rankings.

The other reason, is that Woodlief, and a number of NHL GMs are questioning whether Tavares possesses the requisite credentials to place team above stat. Or carry the weight of all that expectation.

Duchene won't let that stuff get in the way. When this story was written, the Brampton Battalion, led by Duchene, Hodgson and the Russian warhead Evgeny Grachev, were up 2-1 in the Eastern Conference OHL finals against the very real Belleville Bulls.

Over on the flip side, Tavares and his London Knights are down 3-1 against the Windsor Spitfires in the Western Conference Finals.

So Matt Duchene can't afford to let this stuff get in the way. Still and all, a nice touch this Bobby Smith trophy.

His coach and GM Stan Butler, who was a high school teacher and vice-principal before accepting the full time gig with the Battalion over a decade ago, has a penchant for selecting smart guys first in the midget draft. He selected Hodgson with his first pick in 2006 and Duchene first in 2007. Butler is a guy with some real bona fides, both on and off the ice.

He's a guy who values hard work. And he's a guy who knows that dedication to the details translates to success on the ice.

"As an organization we're really excited for Matt," said Butler on battalion.com recently. "He's an extremely focused individual on the ice, and he takes that to the classroom too. He's a prime example of the type of people who come through the OHL. They're balanced and show you can combine education and hockey at the highest levels and be successful in both."

Duchene won the Bobby Smith Trophy (presented to the player who best combines high standards of play and academic excellence) by maintaining a straight 85 percent average in six high



Matt Duchene in action!

school courses - five of those university prep levels.

"It's just a matter of balancing your time," said Duchene. "The Battalion does a great job of emphasizing academic performance. It's something my family and I have always taken seriously. I was brought up knowing hockey wasn't always a guarantee and I needed a backup plan. That's always been my focus."

Focus is important.

In hockey and in life.

And Duchene will remain focused on winning this OHL Eastern Conference tilt against the Belleville Bulls.

But many eyes are focused on the NHL Draft, a provocative power play, where GM's sometimes buck trends - and hype.

Leaving us with Kyle Woodlief's parting shot.

"Tavares may score 40 or 50 goals a season, but he's one-dimensional," Woodlief said. "If he's not scoring, he's not helping."

Leaving Pat Brisson, the player agent representing both Tavares and Duchene a little dumbstruck.

See, Brisson can't argue too strenuously against Woodlief's logic without seeming to slight Duchene.

Or can't he?

Remember, he's an agent.

"Hedman is very good even though he might not have had the best tournament at the World Juniors," Brisson said, making reference to the fact that Tavares was MVP of that tournament for Canada. "It really depends on what a team needs, but I definitely think those three players (Duchene, Tavares, Hedman) will be the first three in the draft."

How's that for the ol' two step slide and glide down the fence line?■

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Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



Sudden Sea Rise

Sea levels have the potential to rise 10 feet in far less than a century due to climate change, according to a recent study of coral beds in Mexico's Yucatan peninsula. Writing in the journal *Nature*, Paul Blanchon of the University of Mexico says such a scenario is possible within the next 100 years, reshaping coastlines while also causing economic and social chaos. During a study of an area excavated for a theme park, Blanchon found evidence of sudden jumps in ocean water marks preserved in the fossilized remains of coral reefs. He determined that a dramatic rise in sea levels occurred 121,000 years ago during the last interglacial period. Most climate experts had assumed that significant ocean rises occur over millennia. But the coral clearly shows that oceans rose 6.6 to 10 feet within 50 to 100 years, Blanchon writes. Such a rise today due to melting of the Greenland and Antarctic ice sheets would inundate coastal cities like London, New York, Tokyo and Calcutta.

Earthquakes

A strong aftershock of Italy's devastating April 6 temblor rocked a wide area, including Rome, 65 miles away. The 4.8 magnitude shaking was one of around 100,000 aftershocks that have occurred since the initial jolt.

• Earth movements were also felt in western Mexico, southern Peru, the Big Island of Hawaii, Indonesia's Sulawesi island and western India.

Bengal Cyclone

An area of disturbed weather swirling over the western Bay of Bengal collected into Cyclone Bijli just off the coast of India.

Seal Hunt Launched

Canadian seal hunters hit the ice for the main phase of the annual slaughter of up to 280,000 baby seals in Quebec and Newfoundland. The hunt coincided this year with record low prices for seal pelts. Hunters who club the juvenile aquatic mammals will be lucky to be paid a quarter of what they received two years ago due to a slump in the fur market and an expected ban on seal products in the European Union. The Ottawa-based International Fund for Animal Welfare, an animal-protection organization, welcomed the development. "Of course, we are pleased," fund researcher Sheryl Fink said in a statement. "If market conditions ultimately lead to the demise of this inhumane slaughter, that's fine by us."

Tuna Stocks Collapsing

Overfishing is likely to wipe out the breeding population of Atlantic bluefin tuna within three years unless catches are sharply reduced, according to the World Wildlife Fund (WWF). The warning was made as the Mediterranean's oversized fishing fleets embarked on April 15 at the beginning of a two-month fishing season. Increased demand for the fish in Japan has triggered an explosion in the size of the Mediterranean fleet, with many of the boats said to be using illegal spotter planes to guide them to the warm-water tuna. Pirate fishing vessels also hunt the bluefin, whose dried, dark red meat once fed Roman armies. "Whichever way you look at it, the Mediterranean bluefin tuna collapse trend is dramatic, it is alarming and it is happening now," said WWF spokesman Sergi Tudela. WWF is calling for the immediate closure of the Mediterranean bluefin tuna fishery to allow stocks to recover.

Galapagos Eruption

An eruption on one of the famed Galapagos Islands could pose a threat to the nature preserve's unique wildlife, according to officials. La Cumbre spewed lava, gas and smoke across the uninhabited island of Fernandina in its first eruption in four years. A spokesman for Ecuador's Galapagos National Park said a river of lava was flowing from a 600-foot fissure on the side of the volcano. Lava from the eruption could affect marine life as well as the unique iguanas and other fauna on Fernandina.

Man Bites Snake

A Kenyan man is lucky to be alive after being captured and nearly eaten by a large python, which he says he had to bite during a three-hour attempt to free himself. Ben Nyaumbe, a farm manager near the coastal community of Malindi, first encountered the 13-foot snake when he stood up and felt something spongy beneath his foot. The *Daily Nation* reports the python then quickly coiled itself around Nyaumbe as he repeatedly bit the snake in desperation. Once the python dragged Nyaumbe up a tree, he was able to reach his cell phone and call a friend, who arrived accompanied by police within minutes. As Nyaumbe smothered the snake's head with his shirt, the rescuers tied a rope around the serpent and pulled it and its prey to the ground. Nyaumbe survived the ordeal with only damaged lips and bruising. The snake was taken to a nearby sanctuary, but escaped within hours, leaving an unnerved Nyaumbe being very careful of where he sets foot.

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A New Approach to Kicking the Habit

Health Unit Introduces Intensive One-On-One Counselling Sessions to Smokers

Smokers who are looking to butt out now have access to a new resource program.

It's being called the "Choose to Be...Smoke-Free" program and it was recently initiated

by the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPR).

Readily available in Haliburton County and beyond, the free program provides one-on-one, intensive counselling to smokers from a registered nurse.

"This is for anyone who is interested in quitting," says Lisa Griffin, HKPR Public Health Nurse. "We're hoping to increase the effectiveness of smoking cessation methods by providing this counselling. We'll help the smoker to see where they've tried and failed and help them to see how they can change their lifestyle habits."

While the pilot project will provide assistance to any local resident who uses tobacco, special efforts will be made to reach out to pregnant women, new mothers and people living with chronic diseases who have a nicotine addiction.

The HKPR is also partnering with Campbellford Memorial Hospital, Ross Memorial Hospital, Alderville First Nation, the Brighton Family Health Team and other groups to deliver the program to patients and clients.

Griffin says that generally 10-12 counselling sessions will be provided, but adds that the amount of counselling time delivered will depend on the client's needs.

"This is very client-centered," she explains. "In the program we'll work towards a quit date with the client and work on maintaining that goal along the way. If at any time they decide they can't go on, they can leave the program and return at a later date."

Griffin also says that one-on-one counselling has some advantages to group sessions.

"It's a bit more personal and places more of a focus on their own triggers and barriers they face to quitting."

Griffin, who works out of the Lindsay office, is the main counsellor in the program. However, a nurse in Haliburton can also help out smokers looking to quit.

People can be referred to the program through a health care provider, or can make an appointment on their own.

Choose to Be...Smoke-Free has received one-year of funding from Health Canada. If it is deemed a success, it could be extended beyond March 2010. The local initiative is part of a larger project developed by the Peterborough County-City Health Unit in partnership with the Central East Local Health Integration Network.

To find out how you can access this program or for more information, contact the Health Unit at 705 324-3569 or toll free at 1 866-888-4577. ■

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She becomes upset when I try to bring the subject up and asserts that she's willing to accept the responsibilities associated with my golden years because she loves me. I'm not sure how much of her response is rooted in her love for me and how much may be the result of a lack of life experience. If I stay with her, am I being selfish? -- OLD ENOUGH TO BE HER DAD IN MICHIGAN

DEAR OLD ENOUGH TO BE HER DAD: Not having met you, I can't be sure. How are the genetics in your family? Did your parents live to a ripe old age without falling apart? How would you feel to be raising teenagers when you're in your 60s? Do you think you can keep up with them -- and her?

There are no hard and fast rules when it comes to love. I have heard of many devoted May-September marriages. But regardless of age, both parties should go into it with their eyes wide open -- and that includes the two of you.

DEAR ABBY: I have a co-worker I'll call "Linda" who is constantly on the phone making personal calls. She is chronically late to work and never gets her work caught up. My problem is she just told me she has listed me as a reference on dozens of job applications!

I take pride in being honest, so how do I come up with positive things to say about her if any potential employers call? -- CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE, CHILLICOTHE, OHIO

DEAR CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE: Linda should have asked you for permission before listing you as a reference. Tell her she must stop doing it immediately.

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3. This red clay pony was Gumby's best friend.
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GRADUATE LEVEL

6. Whose sidekick was named Dr. John H. Watson?
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11. Barney Fife was this man's deputy sheriff.
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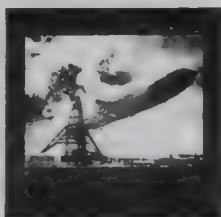
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SCORING:

24 to 30 points — congratulations, doctor; 18 to 23 points — honors graduate; 13 to 17 points — you're plenty smart, but no grind; 5 to 12 points — you really should hit the books harder; 1 point to 4 points — enroll in remedial courses immediately; 0 points — who reads the questions to you?

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Moments in time

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On April 27, 1865, days after the end of the Civil War, the worst maritime disaster in American history occurs when the steamboat Sultana, carrying 2,100 passengers, explodes and sinks in the Mississippi River, killing all but 400 of those aboard.

On April 28, 1958, "The Witch Doctor" hits the No. 1 spot on Billboard's pop charts. The song used the unusual technique of recording the singer's voice at a different speed than the music. Songwriter and singer Ross Bagdasarian (who recorded under the name David Seville) topped the charts again at the end of the year with "The Chipmunk Song," sung by his chipper cartoon band creation, the Chipmunks.

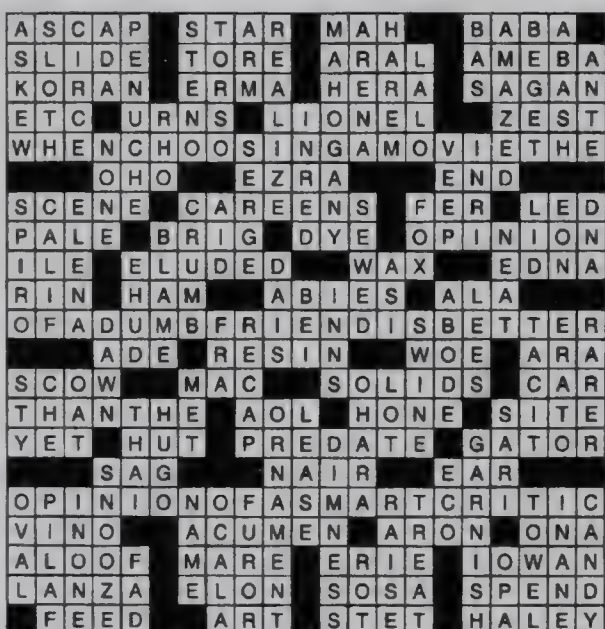
On April 29, 1944, the last "Our Gang" film, "Dancing Romeo," is released. The first film, featuring a band of mischievous youngsters, was produced in 1922. In all, more than 100 "Our Gang" films were made. Later, they were shown as TV comedies under the name "The Little Rascals."

On April 30, 1927, the Federal Industrial Institution for Women, the first women's federal prison, opens in Alderson, W.Va. All women serving federal sentences of more than a year were to be brought there, with the vast majority imprisoned for drug and alcohol charges imposed during the Prohibition era.

On May 1, 1931, President Herbert Hoover officially dedicates New York City's Empire State Building. The entire 102-story building went up in just over a year, under budget (at \$40 million) and well ahead of schedule. During certain periods of building, the frame grew an astonishing four-and-a-half stories a week.

On May 2, 1972, Steven Spielberg begins filming "Jaws." The production, which used three mechanical sharks to great effect, enthralled audiences and grossed \$458 million in its theatrical release.

On May 3, 1960, the musical comedy "The Fantasticks" opens in an off-Broadway playhouse in New York's Greenwich Village. The show, about a young man and woman whose ostensibly feuding parents are actually scheming to bring the couple together, became the longest-running musical of all time and is still running today. ■



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BORN THIS WEEK: Your sense of self-awareness allows you to make bold moves with confidence.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might need to do a bit more investigating before making a career move. You do best when you come armed with the facts. A personal matter still needs tending to.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Looking to blame someone for a workplace problem could backfire if it turns out you've got the wrong "culprit." Best to get more facts before acting on your assumptions.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your creativity plus your good business sense once more combine to give you an important advantage in a difficult workplace situation. An ally proves his or her loyalty.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Patience might still be called for until you're sure you finally have the full story that eluded you up till now. A trusted associate could offer valuable guidance.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Avoid rushing into something just because it offers a break from your usual routine. Take things a step at a time to be sure you're moving in the right direction.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Look into your recent behavior to see if you could have caused the coolness you might now be sensing from a loved one. If so, apologize and set things straight.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Bouncing back from a disappointing incident isn't easy, but you should find a welcome turn of events emerging. Spend the weekend with someone special.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Easing up on your social activities allows you to focus more of your energies on a long-neglected personal matter. You can get back into party mode by the weekend.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) An incomplete project needs your attention before someone else takes it over and uses it to his or her advantage. There'll be lots of time for fun and games once you get it done.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A dispute with a colleague can be resolved peacefully once you both agree to be more flexible about the positions you've taken and allow for more open-minded discussions.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Doubts involving a potential career change need to be resolved quickly so they don't get in the way when you feel you're finally ready to make the big move.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Volunteering to take on added responsibilities could be a risky way to impress the powers-that-be. Do it only if you're sure you won't be swept away by the extra workload.

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23 Islamic text
24 Columnist Bombeck
25 Mrs. Zeus
26 Astronomer Carl
27 Catchall abbr.
28 Party pots
30 Bandleader Hampton
32 Gusto
33 Start of a remark by George Leonard
38 Cry of discovery
39 Pound of poetry
40 Forster's "Howards —"
41 Film division
44 Swerves dangerously
47 — -de-lance
48 Spear-headed
51 Colorless

52 Ship's slammer
53 Salon supply
54 Part 2 of remark
56 — du Diable
57 Lost one's tail?
59 It can be wicked
61 Writer O'Brien
62 — Tin Tin
63 Over-dramatic thespian
64 Nichols' "— Irish Rose"
67 Mont-gomery's st.
69 Part 3 of remark
77 Humorist George
78 Pine product
79 Affliction
80 Palindromic Parseghian
81 Old tub
84 Rock's Fleet-wood —
85 Part of a diet
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92 Time Warner partner
95 Sharpen a skill

96 Location
97 Even so
98 Shack
99 Occur earlier
101 Croc's kin
102 Droop
103 Director Mira
104 Tin —
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116 Chianti, e.g.
117 Keen insight
118 Graceland name
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120 Above it all
122 Mr. Ed's mother
123 "Clinton's Ditch"
125 Buffalo Bill, for one
127 Tenor Mario
128 North Carolina campus
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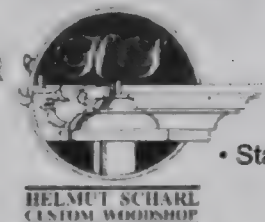
3 She brought out the beast in men
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6 Shorthand, shortly
7 Museum piece
8 It's up your sleeve
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11 Stadium
12 Seraglio
13 Coll. degrees
14 Bowled over
15 Sire
16 Disconcert
20 Composer Schiffrin
22 Up-front money
29 Plutarch character
31 "The Woman —" ('84 film)
34 Nary a soul
35 It suits many
36 41 Down, for one
37 Calvary inscription
41 Mr. Agnew
42 Neighbor of Nev.

43 Skater Berezhnaya
44 Brioche bit
45 Pitch in
46 Put in stitches
47 Crafty critter
48 Top
49 Tons of time
50 Heredity letters
52 Responsibility
55 Shipshape
57 Israel's Barak
58 Place to pontificate
60 "Just — thought!"
65 Bach's "Bist du — mir"
66 Travelers' stops
67 Dwelling
68 Tun throw-aways
70 Time to crow?
71 Monk's title
72 Sum up
73 Swill con-noisseur
74 Implied
75 Urania's sister
76 Not as common
81 Farm feature
82 "— gelida manina" (Puccini aria)

83 — bran
84 Encountered
86 Actress Maureen
87 Fate
90 Bangkok resident
91 "Les Miserables" author
93 Frill
94 Rent
96 Amritsar attire
100 Gloom
101 Parsley, perhaps
102 Nap
104 Word form for "environ-ment"
105 Ellipse
106 Mideastern melange
107 — fell swoop
108 June, but not July
109 Florida city
110 Colossal commotion
111 Elevate
112 Actor Williams
113 It gets wet as it dries
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So why do we idle? Is it out of necessity or habit? Generally we let the engine idle while waiting for someone or something, or while warming up the engine. The problem with idling is that it does a lot of harm to the environment: it affects human health, and it wastes fuel and money.

Idling produces carbon dioxide, a by-product of burning gasoline. For every liter of gasoline used 2.4 kilograms of CO₂ are produced. CO₂ is the principal greenhouse gas contributing to climate change. But doesn't technology used in today's engines cut CO₂ emissions drastically?

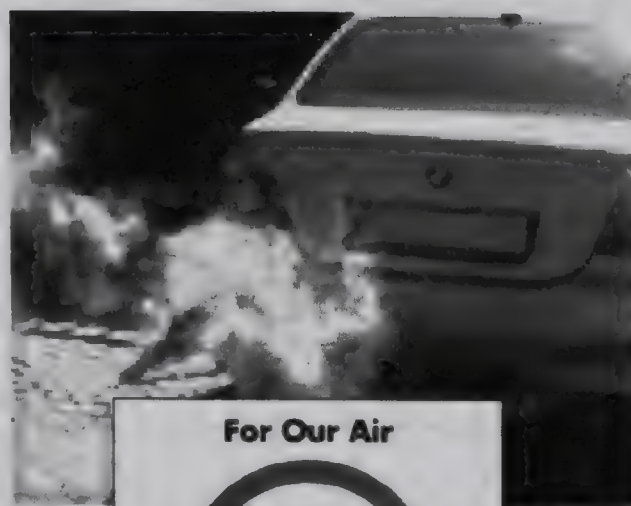
Apparently not. Emissions of hydrocarbons, carbon monoxides and nitrous oxides are reduced, but so far, no technology exists to clean up CO₂ emissions. Idling pollutes the air we breathe. Tailpipe emissions are a major cause of outdoors air pollution. Children and people with asthma or chronic bronchitis for ex-

ample, are particularly vulnerable. Toronto and Peterborough have passed anti-idling legislation to reduce air pollution. Even the air quality in the Haliburton highlands is affected at times.

The most common reason given for idling is to warm up the engine. But even on the coldest winter day, it takes only one to two minutes to get the oil circulating through the engine. In fact, the best way to warm up the car is to drive it. We don't stop idling when the weather warms up.

According to a recent study, on any day in August Canadians idled more than 46 million minutes – the equivalent of one vehicle idling for 89 years. Idling costs money. More than 10 seconds of idling uses more fuel than shutting off and restarting the engine.

So do yourself and the environment a favor: switch the ignition off after 60 seconds max. Frequent stops and starts do not damage the engine, but prolonged idling can. Don't idle. There's a solid payback. You reduce CO₂ emissions, improve outdoor air quality, save fuel, and save money. See <http://oee.nrcan.gc.ca/transportation/idling> for more information on idling. ■



For Our Air



I Turn My Engine Off
When Parked

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Pat Patricia Cooper

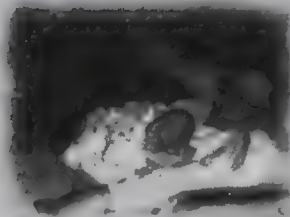


Mar 17, 1948 - April 15th 2009
Passed away suddenly at her home in Minden on Wednesday, April 15, 2009. At the age of 61.

Beloved wife of the late Jerald Wesley "Jerry" Cooper (2007). Dear mother of Karen and her husband Neil Pragnell of Barrie, Jerry and his wife Angelica of Edmonton, Alberta, and predeceased by Dwayne. Loving grandmother of Keisha, Tyra, Ethan, Ella, and Brenden. Dear sister of Jim (Nancy) Watson, predeceased by her brother Bill Watson and sister-in-law of Garry (Ruth), Ralph (Cathy), Colleen Bacon (the late Martin). Fondly remembered by her many nieces, nephews, family and friends. (Monk Funeral Home)

Arthur Maxwell

(Resident of West Guilford, Ontario)



At Soldiers Memorial Hospital in Orillia on Sunday afternoon, April 19, 2009 in his 63rd year. Beloved husband of Marlene Maxwell (nee Norton). Cherished son of Lorraine McLeod of Haliburton and the late Bruce Maxwell.

Loving father of Brent and

Clinton both of West Guilford. Dear brother of Lonnie (Mrs. Peter Rumney) of Dwight. (Haliburton Community Funeral Home)

In Loving Memory of Jean McGue

Passed away peacefully at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Monday, April 20, 2009. At the age of 77.

Beloved wife of the late Joe McGue (1981). Dear mother of Cathy (Gord) MacIntosh, Dan McGue, Ed McGue and Loretta (Mike) Maloney. Loving grandmother of Donald, Sherri Lee, Joshua, and Neely. Dear sister of Clarence and Anthony and predeceased by Percy and Annie. Fondly remembered by her family and friends in Ontario and Nova Scotia.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 on Friday from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. A Memorial Service will be held in the chapel on Saturday, April 25, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

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Beloved wife of the late Douglas. Dear mother of Diane and her husband Don Booth (predeceased). Loving grandmother of Les and his wife Debbie, Linda and her husband Duane. Great grandmother of Christopher, Danny, Ryan, Aaron, Justin and Nathan. Dear sister of the late Nellie, Doris and Henry. Fondly remembered by her nieces and nephews.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 on Thursday from 3:00 until 5:00 pm and on Friday, April 24, 2009 from 12:00 noon until the time of the service at 1:00 pm. Cremation to follow. Reception to follow at the family centre in the funeral home.

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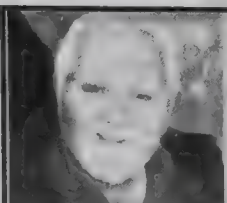
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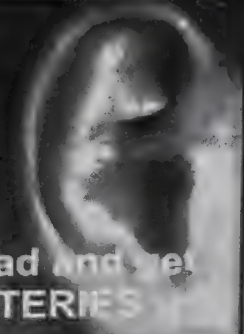
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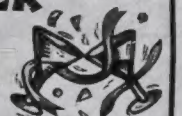
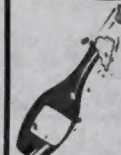


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Membership Spotlight

Did you know that joining the Chamber of Commerce can cost less than \$15 a month? With new preferred billing option of Quarterly and Bi-Yearly Payments, we have made it easy to be a part of a network that is working hard for it's members! New special rates for Not-for-Profit & Charitable Organizations!

New Membership Perk

All Chamber Members are welcome to use our Board Room Facilities at no-cost should you need a venue in Minden to conduct business!

Workshops

Counterfeit Training

This workshop is one you will not want to miss! Hosted by the Bank of Canada to raise awareness among businesses about the dangers of counterfeiting and other frauds by education them on how to recognize it, report it and stop it! Along with our Haliburton OPP Detachment. Wed. May 27 at 1pm. Please RSVP as soon as possible.

Chamber Afterhours

Meet n' Greet with MPP Rick Johnson

Hosted by the Chamber of Commerce and Delta Pinestone Resort
Invitation to all Chamber Members
5:30-6:30 on Thursday, April 23

Chamber AM

Coming soon, 1st Thursday of every month!
May 7th at the Dominion Hotel in Minden for \$5.
From 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
We welcome all Members to join us for a networking breakfast!

News Flash

The President, Vice-President and Administrative Coordinator will be attending this years Ontario Chamber of Commerce AGM & Convention on May 1-3, 2009. Office will be closed on Friday, May 1 and Monday, May 4th.

If you are not receiving emails from our Administrative Coordinator... be sure to get added to the list! Communication is key!

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Ground Breaking at Silver Beach

Liz Daniels
Staff Reporter

"People might think that with all of the bells and whistles these units would be expensive, but when you do the comparisons and look at the overall value, they're not." (Gerry Kowalski)

There's been a lot of talk about condominiums over the last few months, but the Silver Beach Lifestyle Community is really starting to take shape.

This exclusive community on the shores of Lake Kashagawigamog is now under construction and, after years of hard work and planning by owner Gerry Kowalski and his partners, the site is now being serviced with sewers, hydro, a water treatment plant and water distribution system as well as the internal roadways. Construction of detached and town homes will get underway this summer and a 5,000 square foot clubhouse is scheduled for next year in readiness for something very unique in a four season luxury condominium.

This is the first lakeside development in the area that can offer all of the benefits of condominium living while still offering everything that true homeownership can provide. When completed, the development will include 59 units overall (creating a development density of 3.2 units per acre). Servicing the 18 acre property should be completed by the end of June and residents who have already purchased their units will begin to move in some time in October.

The community will consist of 36 bungalows and bungalofs and 23 executive style townhouses. The townhouses will range in size from 1300 square feet to 2800 square feet. The bungalows and bungalofs range in size from 1600 to almost 2500 square feet and offer spacious open concept living, bright open lofts and walkouts. Cathedral ceilings, open lofts and nine-foot main floor rooms add to a feeling of spaciousness.

Kowalski says that what he's offering is a whole different concept to anything presently available. The development is being targeted for residents primarily 55 years of age and older who are still active and want to enjoy all the benefits of lakeside living, while having the ability to set aside the worries associated with property management.

"Buyers will be getting a lot for their money. Not only will they receive a high end, turn-key product, but the units will be offered at a very comparable price." (The units start at \$299,000 and go up from there.)

Normally extras in similar developments, each of these units will feature granite countertops, hardwood flooring, maple or oak cabinetry, stainless steel appliances, fireplaces, air conditioning and energy efficient hydronic heating with zone comfort controls, attached garages, full eight foot (finished in some models) basements and complete telecommunication pre-wiring as part of the standard package. The floor plans are carefully designed for an open and airy ability to accommodate any lifestyle.

"People might think that with all of the bells and whistles these units would be expensive, but they're not," said Kowalski. He said that compared to other packages being offered in Haliburton at prices between \$300 and \$335 per square foot, he is offering top quality for prices ranging from \$230 to \$318 a square foot; a price that includes the land.

On top of all the special accoutrements, Kowalski says that residents will have full access to a 5,000 square foot clubhouse, boat docks and a beautiful sand beach. There will also be access to golf along a wooded path to the Pinestone Resort and a fully paid couple's golf membership for the first year of residency. He said, "They will be receiving deeded land and a 1/59th share of the common elements for the purchase price, which includes an additional four acres of land left in its natural state."

According to Kowalski, the beauty of this gated condominium community is that residents have a choice to be as creative and active as they wish, doing their own gardening and lawn maintenance or choosing to take advantage of a full maintenance package designed to remove all the stress that is often associated with home ownership. When the homes were designed, mobility issues were carefully considered and a number of units will have elevators installed to meet the owners' needs.

Kowalski said, "This is the real thing and it's happening this year. There are no maybe's involved, it's not a matter of taking reservations. This is happening now." He reports that 25 percent of the units have been sold and there were several purchases pending at press time.

The homes have been designed by award winning architect Ian Malcolm and include three elements that Kowalski says are the essence of cottage country; stone, wood and glass. He said, "We're selling urban cottages that fit into the cottage country environment. They have what I like to call an understated elegance."

As he walked across the construction site, Kowalski said it offers a perfect variety of materials including sand, A and B gravel, general fill, large boulders and topsoil, all of which have been separated and stockpiled for use as the project proceeds. With the exception of sod, they even have materials for much of the landscaping when construction is complete. In addition, Kowalski said that the glacial deposits have allowed for an excellent source of water and drainage.

To the greatest extent possible local contractors are being used for the project and all of the building materials are being purchased locally. He said, "This is a 30 million dollar project and there will be a lot of local spinoff over the next few years."

Kowalski said, "We're coming into the heart of the baby boomer retirement era and we have a great combination of things to offer the people who want to retire here. We're close to town and there are a number of resorts, restaurants, high quality health services and all the standard amenities close at hand. We will have boat docks for purchase and boats available to rent that can access a chain of five scenic lakes for touring, fishing and water skiing."

Kowalski is working with the Municipality to meet all of the needs of his site plan agreement and said that the Municipality and Reeve Murray Fearrey had been very supportive of his development. He said, "They understand the benefits that will come to the area and the need for housing here. He (Fearrey) has been a complete champion of the development."

In support of the local community and to ensure continued standards of health care, there is a \$10,000 package being offered to any health care professional who wish to make Haliburton their home and Silver Beach part of their lifestyle. ■



Gerry Kowalski and his Project Manager Randall Pugh work out the details of manhole installations.



Gerry Kowalski points out the layout of the Silver Beach lakeside community.



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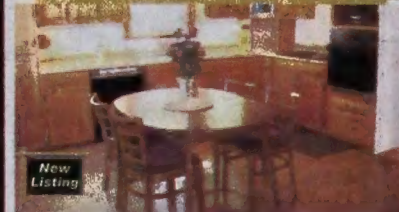
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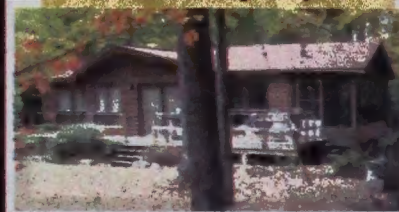
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